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Porthcawl town beach now fully open to the public

PORTHCAWL'S town beach has been fully reopened to the public again following the completion of work on its new £3m sea defences.

All of the remaining fencing along the lower promenade has now been removed so people can enjoy strolling along the beach and taking a closer look at the new terraced revetment design which has been installed to replace the old 'tarmac beach'.

The design was chosen following a public consultation in 2013.

A BCBC spokesperson said: "The 185 large terraces are specially designed to divert the force of each incoming wave to either side, instead of allowing it to hit the seafront head-on.

"The sea wall along the lower promenade has also been repaired and strengthened as part of the work."

The Welsh Government contributed £2.3m towards the overall cost of the project, with Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) making up the remaining £700,000.

Cllr Richard Young, BCBC's cabinet member for communities, said: "This was an extremely challenging feat of coastal engineering which needed to take account of issues such as unpredictable weather patterns and changing maritime conditions, but is more than worth the effort.

"The new sea defences will be capable of standing up to the elements, providing effective protection for around 260 seafront properties against flooding and erosion for the next century.

"It has been fascinating to see the work take shape and I'm sure that everyone agrees that the new design is also far easier on the eye than the old tarmac beach."

Inspecting the new terraces comes with a warning though, as Cllr Young added: "Please bear in mind that the terraces are sea defences and the natural algae growth can get very slippery."

Wartime Bridgend event is said to be the best ever!

ABOVE: All smiles at the Wartime Bridgend event. Photograph by Rob Evans. See more images on page 2.

ON Saturday, June 15, Bridgend Town Centre was once again transported back to World War Two.

The modern world was left behind as people of all ages immersed themselves in wartime life.

A record number of visitors, many of whom were dressed the part, enjoyed the unique atmosphere – from the opening words of welcome, to the celebration of Armed Forces Day and the haunting notes of The Last Post played from the stage by vintage vocalist and world class trumpeter Ricky Hunter, to a replica Hurricane Plane.

There was digging for victory and defusing a bomb, realistic demonstrations, Punch and Judy, a mobile outdoor cinema in a vintage caravan as well as a traditional fairground. There were smiles all round as Winston Churchill delighted everyone – and Bridgend Town Centre echoed with the sound of laughter.

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During the war, music played a very important part in morale – and Bridgend came alive with international vintage vocalist and trumpeter Ricky Hunter, wartime classics with George Formby - as well as 1940s sweetheart Kitty Lamare.

There was the sweet sound of the Ukelastic Ukulele band, the traditional sound of the Ogmore Valley Silver Band, the smooth Midnight Martinis and the show stopping sound of The Bridgend Big band.

The Bridgend Carers Choir sang their debut song, Strong, the Revue Lindy Hoppers did not stop dancing, and cheerfully gave free dance classes (look out for them coming to Carnegie House in the near future).

Vintage singer and dancer, and now Wartime Bridgend sweetheart, Peri Lynn charmed the crowds. Once again 'victory rolls' were the 'must-have' hair fashion with free vintage makeovers a huge success.

The organisers of Wartime Bridgend, Bridgend Town Council, promised a surprise around every corner, whatever your age, and they delivered. Troubles were packed up in an old kit bag and the community 'smiled smiled… and smiled some more!

The Mayor of Bridgend Town Council, Cllr Alan Wathan said: "On behalf of the Town Council, I would like to thank all who made this event such a success. The team behind the scenes - the Town Council staff, the Reverend Rachel Wheeler, The Town Crier, Bridgend Traders as well as our sponsors, Watts and Morgan, CF31BID and The Heronston Hotel.

"Our thanks to the many exhibitors - some of whom travelled from all over the country. I was also honoured to accept, on behalf of the people of Bridgend, a special edition of Commemorative D Day Coin from the London Mint Office.

"I would like to say a heartfelt and public thank you, on behalf of Bridgend Town Council and the people of Bridgend, to the Armed Forces Community, and that we recognise the incredible bravery and sacrifices of Her Majesties Armed Forces and their families, past, present and future."

And so, as the day ended, with a thousand voices singing "We'll meet again" - there wasn't a dry eye in the house.

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Sandville plays a part in training new GPs

The trainee GPs with Gary Banks and Gwyneth Poacher.

THE Sandville Self-Help Centre is well-known in Porthcawl and Ton Kenfig for the range of health treatments and care that it provides.

However, the centre also plays a role in training GPs.

Gwyneth Poacher told The GEM: "GP training day happens here twice a year. The students visit in their last year before they become qualified.

"Six arrived here last week, a little apprehensive as they had no idea what their day was all about. James Mansell, Richard Christie, April Rowntree, Michael Booth, Tim Grant, Rebecca Broughton and Lauren Pugh attended, along with Sara Jones, a GP trainer who recommended Sandville.

"Coffee and tea was served by Mags and they were taken on a full tour of Sandville Court by Gary Banks, my house manager.

"In the morning, they were able to try the therapies we offer to all our patients, eg reflexology, massage, self hypnosis, and reiki healing.

"Margaret, our kitchen volunteer, took their order for lunch which was served at 1pm.

"At 2pm I had asked three patients to talk on a panel and tell the trainees why they came here and talk about what it has done for them.

"Gaynor, Heather and Mags did this and have never done it before. Although all were nervous, they presented their stories well, and the trainees were interested and asked lots questions.

"I am sure they all found it a different experience. Hopefully they will spread the word about what Sandville has to offer to their patients ,

"We at Sandville would like to wish them all luck in their final year and look forward to seeing them back at Sandville one day

Photo by Heather Jones.

Council warns about new litter scam

PEDESTRIANS in Bridgend county borough are being warned not to be duped by a new scam.

During the last couple of weeks there have been several reports of two men impersonating the 3GS litter enforcement officers who are working on behalf of Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC).

A BCBC spokesperson said: "The scammers dress in black, just like the real enforcement officers, but are tricking residents by demanding instant cash payments of £150 for supposed littering offences. In some instances, the scammers have also phoned up residents demanding additional payments.

"The genuine enforcement officers are employed to clamp down on irresponsible litterbugs. The officers always wear an official ID badge and lanyard, and will never ask for a cash payment for a fixed penalty notice. Instead, officers will issue a ticket stating details of the offence as well as payment options, which include an online, telephone and postal payment option.

"Fixed penalty notices issued by the real enforcement officers will be £100."

Cllr Hywel Williams, the council's Deputy Leader, said: "Please watch out for this scam. We have received three reports in the space of two weeks of vulnerable people being caught out by these scammers who are impersonating our officers.

"I'd like to make it clear that our official enforcement officers will never ask for cash up front for a fixed penalty notice, nor will they ever ask for your personal mobile number. We have been made aware of an instance where one local resident received a phone call requesting bank card details in order to pay a fine for dropping litter – it's important to ensure that all residents know that we will never do this.

"Our intention is to make Bridgend county borough a cleaner place to live and work so it is a huge shame that there are people who are using this as an opportunity to trick others. I think this is also a chance to remind residents to avoid being in this situation altogether by not dropping any litter at all."

The two teams enter the stadium.

Jehu in action at Cardiff City

A CONSTRUCTION firm from Bridgend recently hosted a charity football match at the Cardiff City Stadium ahead of the annual Carers Week.

Employees from the Jehu Group went head-to-head with representatives from both Hafod Housing and Wales & West Housing in the Welsh capital.

Some of the biggest names in world football, including Eden Hazard, Mohamed Salah and Sergio Aguero, all greeted the same field last season.

Carers Week was an inaugural campaign that looks to highlight the challenges unpaid carers face and recognise the contribution they make. The organisation has already raised more than £600 from the event, with proceeds going to the Jehu Group's 2019/20 charity partner, Carers Trust Wales.

Carers Trust Wales aims to ensure that all unpaid carers across Wales are able to access adequate support.

The Jehu Group eventually came out on top on the pitch with a 5-2 victory, capping off a memorable afternoon for those involved.

Callum Ellis

Opening hours to change at Recycling Centres

BRIDGEND county borough's three Community Recycling Centres will soon open for one hour less each day.

New opening hours come into effect from Monday, June 17 onwards, which will mean that the centres in Tythegston, Brynmenyn and Maesteg will close one hour earlier every day during the summer, while the centres will open half an hour later and close half an hour earlier during the winter.

The new opening hours are:

Summer hours (April 1 – September 30), Monday to Friday: 8.30am–7pm; Saturday and Sunday: 8.30am–5pm.

Winter hours (October 1 – March 31), Monday to Sunday: 9am–4pm.

Cabinet members from BCBC have agreed to the change as it will save the local authority £17,000 each year without causing residents too much disruption.

Cllr Hywel Williams, the council's deputy leader, said: "Reducing the opening hours will have a minimal impact on recycling levels but will contribute towards the huge financial savings that the council is required to make. This change was one of the money-saving suggestions that received support from the residents who completed our 'Shaping Bridgend's Future' budget consultation last autumn."

The access gates at the centres will shut 10 minutes before closing times. All three sites are closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

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Operation Red dragon has jailed 27 for drugs offences

FIRSTLY, I would like to update GEM readers on recent court cases which have taken place in relation to the supply of class A drugs.

Operation Red Dragon has so far resulted in 27 people receiving custodial sentences of more than 80 years in total. This was a large-scale operation to clampdown on the supply of class A drugs in Bridgend and the Vale of Glamorgan.

We are committed to dismantling organised crime groups who prey on the most vulnerable in our communities. While these sentences are a positive result for our areas, we will not rest on our laurels and will continue the fight against illicit drugs.

The community are our eyes and ears, so please keep reporting your suspicions to us so that we can take action.

I would also like to tell you about an operation which took place over the weekend of June 7 and 8 in Bridgend county borough. Officers were out in Maesteg Town Centre, Aberkenfig and Caerau, as part of Operation Brake which aims to raise awareness of the signs of child sexual exploitation (CSE) within the night time economy.

This operation involves partnership working between South Wales Police's licensing and CSE teams along with the local authority's licensing enforcement teams. Staff at licensed premises, hotels and taxi drivers, were spoken to by officers and posters highlighting how to identify the risks of CSE were distributed.

Child sexual exploitation can happen to any child under the age of 18, making them vulnerable within the night time economy.

If you have any concerns about CSE or drug supply, please report them to us on 101 or 999 in an emergency.

Chief Inspector for Bridgend and Porthcawl, Trudi Meyrick

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Crackdown on anti-social behaviour in county borough

NEW public space protection orders (PSPOs) are set to be created in Porthcawl, Bridgend, Maesteg, Pencoed and Caerau to help tackle antisocial behaviour and dog fouling.

The orders restrict activities ranging from drinking alcohol in public to dog fouling, while in two areas, public access is restricted at certain times.

Some relate to extending existing orders, due to expire in 2020, and one involves placing new conditions on dog walkers.

The orders aim to stop issues such as youth drinking, noise and violence, begging and people in the street under the influence of drugs.

If people are caught breaking the orders by a police officer, police community support officer or council officers, they could be fined £100 or more, if the case goes to court.

All orders would last for three years with three orders being a continuation of existing ones.

Bridgend County Borough Council's cabinet will discuss the plans at a meeting on June 18 and proposals include creating new PSPOs to prohibit the consumption of alcohol in an open container within Bridgend, Caerau, Maesteg, Pencoed and Porthcawl.

They will also include restricting the public right of way between Talbot Street and Plasnewydd Street, Maesteg, the highway to the rear of Wesley Street and Lloyd Street, Caerau at certain times and creating a new PSPO placing conditions on dog walkers for the collection and disposal of dog faeces and placing dogs on a lead when requested to do so by an officer.

Dog walkers could also be fined £100 if they do not comply or be taken to court and given a fine on conviction of up to £1,000.

A report going before cabinet next week states: "PSPOs are designed to stop individuals or groups committing antisocial behaviour in a public space.

"They are intended to deal with a nuisance or problem in a particular area that is detrimental to the local community's quality of life, by imposing conditions on the use of that area which apply to everyone.

"They are designed to ensure the law-abiding majority can use and enjoy public spaces, safe from antisocial behaviour."

The estimated cost for implementing the four new orders is £7,500, including £3,500 for the design, manufacture and fixing of hard signs.

Liz Bradfield
Local democracy reporter

'Misfits' Cardiff 10k in Alan's memory

A WOMAN from Pontycymer has inspired 100 friends and relatives to get their running shoes on for the Cardiff Metropolitan University Cardiff 10k this year, following the tragic loss of her partner.

Nicola Elward (36) had been with her partner Alan (44), for 16 years, but he passed away while waiting for a third kidney transplant in June 2018 due to complications with endocarditis, a rare infection of the inner lining of the heart.

Alan had faced kidney disease for much of his life. He had his first kidney transplant in 2002, but after seven years required a new one following kidney failure.

In response to this news, Nicola donated her own kidney and Alan responded well to the transplant.

However, tragedy struck seven years later. Alan's kidney failed again and, while he was waiting for a third kidney transplant, his health deteriorated and he passed away.

Following her loss, Nicola signed up for this year's Cardiff 10k to help raise £2,000 which will be shared between Kidney Wales and the British Heart Foundation.

Following her announcement, friends and family rallied round and 70 people are joining her in the 10k with a further 30 signing up to do the 2k fun run.

The group is called 'Alfie's Misfits' and is inspired by Alan's 'Alfie' nickname among friends.

Nicola said: "It shows how much Alan was loved that so many people have signed up to run the Cardiff 10k for him. One of my friends is even travelling from Ireland to take part.

"I've taken part in the Cardiff 10k race twice before, but this time it will be extra special with Alfie's Misfits behind me.

"As some of the team have never run a 10k before, we thought the 'Misfits' was a good group name. I know they'll have a great time and really enjoy it.

"I'd also like to thank Kidney Wales for all of the support they provided to Alan.

"I know from first-hand experience how important fundraising is in allowing them to help people affected by kidney disease, so I'm delighted to run for them.

"I also hope that Alan's story inspires people to sign up to the transplant list.

"Not only can you save someone else's life, but it also changes yours for the better, knowing that you've made a difference. It's a truly wonderful thing to do."

Cardiff 10k takes place on Sunday, September 1.

Nicola has also organised a fun family day on August 3 at Pontycymer rugby fields to help raise funds for her chosen charities.

Alan was a player for Pontycymer RFC in his younger days and a supporter his whole life, so Nicola felt it was a fitting place for the community to get together.

To support Nicola in achieving her fundraising goals, visit the JustGiving page: https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/nicola-parsons-2?utm_term=G3yZ2JzK9.

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WI get busy

LALESTON WI met on June 6 and 22 members were present plus one prospective new member, Janet Morgan.

Interesting items were brought to everyone's attention from the County Letter. Members have trips planned to Brecon and The Mansion House, Cardiff. A lovely thank you card was read to members from Judith Lucas, the WI advisor at last month's AGM.

The luncheon club will meet on June 18 at El Prado, Laleston and the campaign for a bench at the bus stop near The Great House was still ongoing.

The speaker for the evening was Lynne Tippet, who gave us an interesting and humorous talk on 'The History of The Magistrates' Court', and the vote of thanks was given by Elaine Jones. The raffle was won by Tina and the competition by Diane.

For more information, call Diane Marshall on 01656 656600.

DM

New membership scheme for RNLI fundraising group

PORTHCAWL RNLI Events and Fundraising Group would like to thank all those who have been members of the station and their support has been very much appreciated.

It has been decided to discontinue the old membership scheme and replace it with a more relevant system to comply with new data regulations and the changing demands of fundraising.

The group is in the process of setting up a new system to include all volunteers and any members of the public who would like to get involved in helping with events, collections etc.

Forms for the new membership scheme will soon be available through the Porthcawl RNLI shop or from volunteers.

Norah Clarke

AM call to keep free TV licences for over-75s

AM Huw Irranca-Davies is backing a UK wide campaign to protect free TV licenses for over 75s, pointing out that the Tory Government has broken its promise made to older citizens in 2017 to keep their TV license free.

In Wales, 159,280 households could be hit by the changes, including 3,330 households across Ogmore.

Mr Irranca-Davies said: "This news will cause alarm and worry for older people living in Ogmore and across the whole of the UK. Our older population already live on fixed incomes and they will be hit hard by this cut.

"Television can be a vital lifeline for older people to what's happening in the wider world, especially if they are living alone."

Bridgend youth matters!

DO you belong to an organisation based within Bridgend county borough that provides support services or activities for young people aged 11 plus?

Would you like to find out more about the Youth Support Network which brings together third sector organisations working with young people across the area to liaise with Bridgend County Borough Council?

During Youth Support Week, organisations can call into drop in sessions to find out more about the Youth Support Network and to find out how they can support the work they do. From 4.30pm to 6.30pm, sessions are on June 25 at the Court House, Maesteg; Wednesday, June 26 at Bridgend YMCA and on Thursday, June 27 at KPC Youth & Community, Pyle.

The Youth Support Network helps ensure that young people throughout county borough are well informed and supported to access a broad range of quality services that enable them to take full advantage of life opportunities in their local communities.

For further details, contact Stuart Burge Jones at BAVO by calling 01656 810400.

JH

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Stowaway lizard's 2,300-mile journey

The Balkan green lizard made his way from Kos in a suitcase

A STOWAWAY Balkan green lizard from the island of Kos made an unexpected visit to Wales, after finding his way into a holidaymaker's suitcase.

RSPCA Cymru was alerted after holidaymakers from Bridgend returned to their Laleston home to find the lizard in their suitcase on June 6.

The lizard, approximately 20 centimetres in length, had shed his tail – a common defence mechanism for the species. Otherwise, however, he is in good condition despite the 2,383-mile trip from the Greek island to the less sunny Bridgend.

RSPCA officers transferred the lizard to a specialist reptile centre in Pembrokeshire, Silent World, for boarding and care.

Temperatures in Kos were soaring at 79°F or 26°C when the lizard left Kos – compared to highs of just 59°F or 15°C in Bridgend the following day.

RSPCA inspector Nic de Celis said: "After a relaxing break in Kos, the last thing holidaymakers would have expected to find in their belongings was this lizard. They safely confined the lizard in their utility room before we came and made the rescue.

"As a stowaway in a suitcase from Kos to Bridgend for many hours, and with temperatures falling from a high of 79°F or 26°C to 59°F or 15°C, this was some ordeal for the reptile. It is anticipated the lizard will now live in the specialist centre, in safe and appropriate conditions."

Russ and Ginny Spenceley, who run Silent World in Pembrokeshire, added: "Fortunately, this lizard is doing well. He's quite friendly, went straight into a vivarium with us and is eating locusts directly from our hands."

The RSPCA receives a lot of calls from people who have found spiders, lizards and other exotic animals that have stowed away in deliveries or in suitcases. The charity advises people to treat any unidentified animal with caution until identified accurately and not to try to handle an animal that has been discovered after being accidentally imported.

To make a donation to the RSPCA's work, go to: www.rspca.org.uk.

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BCBC looks at bus contracts

AN upcoming review of the school and college transport policy in Bridgend will result in the local authority changing its plans to enter into long-term contracts with bus operators.

Earlier this year, cabinet members at Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) approved plans to invite tenders to bid for contracts for multiple home-to-school bus services worth a total of £17.9m on 80 routes.

The award of contracts to the successful bidders was expected to take place at the end of May, as the current contracts expire in July.

The majority of pupils are transported in buses of various sizes by a number of transport operators, which are mainly local companies.

A report going before cabinet members on June 18, states that the council can no longer proceed with the planned five to seven-year contracts due to an upcoming review on home to school and college transport policy. Officers are recommending the local authority waits for the outcome of the review to allow for any changes in provision.

In the meantime, cabinet members will be asked to authorise officers to enter into contracts with existing operators for 11 months from September 2019 to July 2020.

The move involves suspending relevant parts of contract procedure rules which require a competitive procurement exercise.

Officers say any proposals to amend the current transport policy will involve "appropriate public consultation".

The report states that in awarding the short-term contracts to current providers, the council is exposed to the risk of potential challenge from other providers of such services.

It states: "Entering into contracts with the existing service providers without any competition is in breach of the requirements of the Public Contract Regulations 2015.

"The risk of challenge is not possible to quantify; however, given the current difficulties in the commissioning of the services, the council may take the view that the potential for challenge is one it is prepared to accept."

Liz Bradfield, Local democracy reporter.

"Government must listen to 1950s women", says Ogmore MP

CHRIS Elmore, MP for Ogmore, has reaffirmed his support for 1950s-born women who have been affected by changes to the state pension age, while meeting campaigners in London last week.

Campaigners seeking to tackle the injustice converged in London last week as the issue was taken to the High Court.

The Ogmore MP took the opportunity to catch up with some of the women affected from his constituency and from across the UK.

Chris Elmore MP said: "Around 4,000 women have been affected by these changes across my constituency and far too many of the people affected were not properly informed. The government should finally deliver on its responsibility to these women – many of whom have been left in financially precarious situations as a result."

The UK Government accelerated changes to the state pension age for women in 2011, which now stands at 65. The entitlement age for both men and women will rise to 66 next year.

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Free film night

A FREE film night takes place at Horeb Baptist Chapel, Dinam Close, Nantymoel, CF32 7PU on June 22.

Come join us and watch Calamity Jane with Doris Day and Howard Keel. The film starts at 4.30pm.

Call Pastor Chris Bluto for details on 07910162053, 01443 675424 or email pastorcsbluto76@gmail.com.

Messy Church

A Messy Church will be held on Sunday, June 23 in Llysworney Church from 12 noon to 2pm.

There will be a variety of activities and stories for children of all ages to enjoy with their families. There will also be refreshments.

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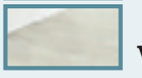

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Literature festival

Penarth Literature Festival, now in its eighth year, begins today (June 20) and continues throughout the weekend.

Organised by local bookshop Griffin Books, the author talks include fiction, medicine, faith, politics, poetry and children's books, all with a distinctly Welsh flavour, as well as a creative writing workshop.

Tickets are available at www.ticketsource.co.uk/griffinbooks or on 02920 706455.

Highlight Cuppa

HIGHLIGHT Park Cuppa will be open from 2.30pm-3.30pm on Monday, June 24 in the Highlight Park Community Centre; everyone welcome – enjoy a cuppa and some company.

CADS presents

'DECKCHAIRS 2' by Jean McConnell will be performed from July 10-13 at The Market Theatre, Cowbridge (next to the Scout Hall).

Doors and Jim's Bar open 7pm, curtain up, 7.30pm. Tickets, £7.50, available from WG Davies Newsagents.

Row breaks out in Porthcawl over Bridgend borough council's plan to sell off part of Salt Lake Car Park

ABOVE:
'The Green' is visible in this photograph, at the foot of Salt Lake Car Park. (Photo courtesy of BCBC).

THE sale of a plot of land in Porthcawl which is expected to kickstart major regeneration plans for the town has prompted an outcry from some residents who are objecting to the loss of open space and a lack of consultation.

Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) wants to sell land at the northern end of Salt Lake car park to a food retailer and then use the money to fund future phases of development on the rest.

The town's regeneration is set to take place over a number of stages. BCBC's preferred options were outlined at a public meeting in 2017, and these have not changed.

Later phases involve a housing development next to the new store, a revamp for Hillsboro Car Park, a leisure scheme, a hotel, and further housing on the seafront.

On Tuesday, June 18, the council's cabinet will be asked to authorise the first step by approving plans to dispose of the land which is classed as public open space at The Green and Salt Lake car park.

However the plans are not popular with everyone.

The public notice to sell the land prompted six formal objections.

In a letter to BCBC, Porthcawl town councillor Steve Maitland Thomas said a promised consultation had not taken place with the town council and the first any town councillor knew of the sale was seeing the notice in a local newspaper, and there did not appear to be any conditions on the sale of the land.

The chairman of Porthcawl Shout Forum, Rod Colyer, has objected, saying the area was public open space and if sold would be a loss to the community.

And the Porthcawl Civic Society has also objected to the loss of open space, highlighting its previous suggestion of an alternative location for the food store on council land in Dock Street instead of The Green, saying it would bring customers into John Street instead of separating them from the town by the Portway.

However, BCBC says that people are "misunderstanding" the legal process it has to go through.

In the report going before cabinet, officers said a large part of the site has been used as a "roughly-surfaced" car park for many years, while much of the area known as 'The Green' has been used more recently as a contractor's compound.

The report states: "The site is not laid out as formal public open space.

"While the public have been able to access and cross the sites at different times they have not had exclusive use or right to do so.

"The main impact on the current use of the site will be the loss of the car park and this will need to be considered within the master planning for the site."

Officers said the intention was to engage with others on the wider masterplan in due course but it needed to publish the notice to dispose of the land before it could market it for sale.

The report states: "There seemed to be a misunderstanding that the council had already marketed the land and is in the process of finalising a sale, which is not the case."

It adds: "The marketing pack will provide details on the likely acceptable planning uses and will set out the basis on which the council is prepared to dispose of the land, whether this is by way of a freehold or long leasehold interest in the site."

Officers said any legal conditions and requirements involving the development would be covered in the process "to ensure that the council's interests are suitably protected".

Regarding the suggested alternative location officers said the council wanted to retain the existing main public car park at Hillsboro Place to keep parking provision as close to the town centre as possible.

Work on the latest plans for the site have been ongoing since the end of a decades-long deadlock between leaseholders – two local families – and the landowners BCBC.

At the end of 2017 BCBC agreed to pay the two Evans families £3.33m to relinquish their rights to Salt Lake Car Park.

GEM staff/Liz Bradfield
Local democracy reporter

(For more on this story, see page 8).

Bridgend Quiz League

HERE are this week's teasers from the Bridgend Quiz League:

1. In 1997, what product was the first to be advertised on Channel 5?

2. 'La Pucelle' was a nickname used by which French heroine?

3. Which English football club was managed by Alan Pardew between 2010 and 2014?

See bridgendquiz.com.

Answers: 1. Chanel No.5; 2. Joan of Arc 3; Newcastle United.

Bridgend woman threatened to kill her husband

A WOMAN twice attacked her husband in their Bridgend home before threatening to kill him. Cardiff Crown Court heard that she then took one of his shoes and attempted to set it alight over a gas cooker burner, *writes AJ Sicluna*.

At the time, her solicitor, Adam Sharp, said 35-year-old Kimberley Allwood was "in the throes of a complete breakdown".

Allwood, who was said to have no previous convictions, admitted two charges of assault and one of making a threat to kill, and causing damage.

Prosecutor Alison O'Shea said the couple had enjoyed a six-year marriage but earlier this year, Allwood became depressed and anxious when her grandmother died and she took to drinking. On March 25, Richard Allwood fell asleep watching television and she hit him, bruising an eye. The following day, he went to work, and he returned home at 1pm and once again fell asleep.

"She slapped him, waking him up. Because of that, he left the house and received a message from her saying "I'm going to kill you. If you fall asleep, I'm going to set you alight," said Ms O'Shea. She then put one of his shoes over a cooker flame. He returned and found her holding a meat knife with a eight-inch blade, which she pointed at herself.

Mr Sharp said: "These incidents were out of the blue and wholly out of character." She had seen her GP, had stopped drinking and had moved from the area and would be exceptionally vulnerable in a custodial environment.

Recorder Duncan Bould said: "This was a serious matter and fortunately, matters didn't escalate." He described her as having a fragile mental state. She received a one-year community order. A restraining order was also made preventing her contacting Richard Allwood and she was directed to pay a court surcharge of £85.

A look at time and space – Cosmology Corner with Norman Lloyd

I HAVE picked up on another centennial anniversary date.

We don't, of course, see the stars during the day, except on those rare occasions when the moon moves directly between the Earth and the Sun, causing the skies to darken during a full solar eclipse.

It was 100 years ago on May 29, 1919, when Arthur Eddington observed light bending around the Sun during the solar eclipse which occurred on that date. Two stars which actually lay directly behind the Sun (and therefore should have been invisible) were clearly seen to be occupying apparent positions to one side of the Sun.

This was the first proof that Einstein's concept of space-time becoming curved in regions of high gravity was correct.

Having commented on gravity causing curvatures in the fabric of space in several recent columns, let's now look at Einstein's Relativity predictions that gravity and speed, also influence time.

Put simply, Einstein's equations showed that the faster you travel, the more time slows down and likewise, the greater the gravity pulling at you, once again the more time slows down.

The effect of gravity on time is well proven by comparing very accurate clocks placed at different altitudes such as in valleys, on mountains and, more recently, in space.

Clocks at the higher altitudes show time passing faster compared to clocks on the surface of the Earth, as there is less gravity pulling at you the further you are from the planet's surface.

The difference is quite small but it is, indeed, measurable, particularly for clocks on board high orbiting satellites where the effect of the Earth's gravity is almost negligible.

We are all increasingly benefiting from GPS technology, whether it be from the navigation of the aircraft which carry us round the world, the Sat-Nav systems in our cars and, for those of you who may read my weekly St Mary's reports at the back of the GEM, a hand held device or wristwatch that instantly tells a golfer how far he is from a hole to within just a couple of metres!

In the GPS configuration, there is a network of 24 satellites in high orbits of about 20,000 km, each one having an orbital speed of some 14,000 kph. Between four and 12 satellites are visible from any point on Earth at any given instant and the atomic clock on each satellite ticks with an accuracy of a billionth of a second (a nanosecond).

The incredibly accurate GPS receiver in an aircraft determines its current position and course by comparing the time signals being received from the currently visible satellites and relating these to their known positions.

Because a satellite is in orbit at a high velocity, the relativistic effects of both speed and gravity on their atomic clocks must be taken into account. Firstly, because the satellites are in motion, observers on the ground will see the satellites' clocks ticking more slowly than their own.

Special Relativity predicts that clocks on the satellites will fall behind clocks on the ground by seven microseconds (seven millionths of a second) per day because of the time dilation effect of their relative motion.

Conversely, for satellites in high orbit, General Relativity predicts that the reduced gravity which they feel makes their clocks tick faster than clocks seen by observers on the surface of the Earth - to the tune of 45 micro seconds per day.

The combination of these two relativistic effects means that the satellites' clocks will tick faster than Earth based clocks by 38 microseconds per day (45-7=38). Doesn't sound much, but the high precision of the GPS system requires clock accuracy of the order of 20 or 30 nanoseconds, and 38 microseconds is 38,000 nanoseconds!

If these effects are not compensated for, a navigational fix based on the GPS network would be in error after just two minutes. After a day, the positional error would accumulate to more than 10 km and the whole system would be worthless after a week! Relativity then, is not just an abstract notion of theoretical physics, it is an absolutely essential for our global navigation system to work correctly.

Norman Lloyd

Busiest month for sea traffic in three years

IN May, the National Coastwatch Institution at Porthcawl, who operate from the Watchtower at Porthcawl harbour, logged five incidents and monitored 13.

Using the CCTV camera at Rest Bay, a yacht was spotted heading into danger at Kenfig Sands.

Milford Haven Coastguard was able to see the yacht was in trouble via the web link and both Porthcawl ILB and Mumbles AWLB were involved in towing the vessel safely back to Swansea.

During May, 1,228 vessel movements were logged, which included 261 commercial vessels – the highest number for a single month since the station opened three years ago.

Members of the public have become more aware of the highly visible safety tow floats available at the tower, and an increasing number of swimmers borrow them. They can be easily seen by boats in the area, making the activity much safer.

Swimmers are also informing us of their plans for longer swims up to or down from Rest Bay and across to Ogmore.

We recently exercised with Porthcawl RNLI and both organisations used the opportunity to hone their skills, helping to make the local coastline a safer place.

Nick Weedon,
Porthcawl NCI.

Dogs' Trust need homes for Collies

It's a pups life! Collie pups with Canine Carers at Dogs Trust Bridgend.

DOGS' Trust Bridgend is appealing for forever homes for lots of Collies, as the rehoming centre has had an influx of this loveable breed.

The fabulous 14 range from longer stay resident, two-year-old Whiskey, to nine-week-old pup Lotus Blossom and her six littermates. While the pups have now found loving new families, the rest are eager to meet their special someone.

The current Collie residents at Dogs Trust Bridgend include three-year-old Khaleesi, who hasn't had much socialisation in her early life and can be shy when it comes to meeting new people. She will need to live with another dog already in the home in a quiet rural area, with an adult only family who are prepared to make a few visits to the centre to build up a relationship.

Three-year-old Percy is timid and is looking for a forever family and needs to be the only dog in an adult-only home. She is a bright girl and with patience, she will be a lovely companion.

Energetic lad Whiskey is two years old and is looking for a family that can keep up with him! Another dog already in the home would help with his confidence. His new family would need to make multiple visits to build up a bond with him before taking him home and would prefer a quiet home life so he can learn to settle.

Angela Wetherall, Dogs Trust Bridgend Rehoming Centre Manager, said: "Sadly, we do see many of these types of dogs coming into us for a variety of reason sand sometimes they are handed in when they become too much for their owners who have not considered the implications of owning a breed that requires a lot of mental and physical stimulation. They need regular exercise, so it is important that we find owners who understand the demands of this breed and are in a position to offer a life-long commitment."

If you are interested in offering any Dogs Trust Bridgend residents a loving home, call the rehoming centre on 0300 303 0292 or visit www.dogstrust.org.uk.

£17,000 raised by Christmas swim!

SIX months have passed since the 2018 Porthcawl Christmas Morning Swim, and with the support of the public, an incredible £17,000 was raised for charity.

Prostate Cymru were the headline charity and their president, David Brace OBE, was delighted to receive a cheque for £7,000 at the presentation night in the HiTide.

The 23 other beneficiaries, all locally-based organisations that do so much to support our community, were also represented.

Work will soon be underway to ensure the 2019 Swim is bigger and better than ever so watch this space over the coming weeks.

On behalf of the Christmas Swim committee, thank you to everyone who supported the 2018 event, and we look forward to seeing you all again this year!

A full list of the beneficiaries can be found on our website, christmasswim.org - we also have a Facebook page and are on Twitter and Instagram so you can keep up to date with what's going on!

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Council's plan for Porthcawl supermarket

PLANS for a food store in Porthcawl have moved a step closer with the development of a planning brief by the local authority.

Bridgend County Borough Council's development control committee will consider the brief at a meeting on Thursday, June 20.

The original plan had involved building a large supermarket on the site of Hillsboro Place car park which would have required the stopping-up of the Portway.

However, changes in the food store market now mean there is little demand for a large store and instead a smaller-scale store of up to 25,000 sq ft is planned. As a result the Portway will remain.

The council's current plan is to retain Hillsboro Place car park and base the store at the northern end of Salt Lake.

Planning and regeneration officers said there has been a strong market interest for the store in Porthcawl.

While the 2.2-acre site does not currently contain planning permission it sits within Porthcawl's Waterfront Regeneration Area.

On Thursday, councillors will be asked to approve the planning brief for a food store site.

The document will carry weight once a planning application for the site is submitted.

The brief states a new supermarket should provide "a distinct and enhanced gateway into Porthcawl", improve the commercial vitality and viability of the town centre, and deliver a new access road to the development site.

The new access road is expected to be built from an existing point of access off the A4016 (The Portway) roundabout.

It is proposed to upgrade the south-eastern arm of the A4106 roundabout to enable a new two-way access road to the site.

The idea is that the road provide access to the food store and also to future residential areas planned as part of the later phases.

Liz Bradfield, LDRS

First Porthcawl 10K is sold out but local charities are able to help you run!

The picturesque Coney Beach will be on the route for the inaugral Healthspan Porthcawl 10K.

THE inaugural Healthspan Porthcawl 10K is a sell-out after more than 4,000 runners signed up.

The new addition to the Healthspan Wales 10K Series is on Sunday, July 7. Entries sold-out on Father's Day.

Runners who missed out on general entries can still secure their place as the event's lead charity partner Tŷ Hafan will be celebrating their 20th year at the race by giving runners the chance to enter for only £4.99 when they pledge to fundraise £100.

Associated charity KPC Youth is a local cause supporting young people and adults across Pyle, Kenfig Hill, Cornelly, Cefn Cribbwr & Porthcawl. In return for a £120 pledge, KPC Youth runners will receive a free race entry, a KPC Youth t-shirt for every runner and fundraising support.

The route, which has been developed by double olympic marathon runner Steve Brace, starts on the esplanade before heading past the Porthcawl Lighthouse and out towards the scenic Coney Beach and Trecco Bay.

After a loop around Trecco Bay Holiday Park, runners will head for Rest Bay before the final kilometre takes the field through the town centre and onto a sprint finish along the promenade.

Race director Steve Brace said: "It has been fantastic to see the support this new event has received from the local community, Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) and all the runners who have secured their place at the inaugural event.

"As a Bridgend native, I'm determined to help bring a world-class running event to my local area. We have been blown away by just how popular this race has proven to be, having smashed our target of 3,000 entries.

"There will be something for runners of all ages and abilities on the day, and we look forward to welcoming every single runner and supporter on what promises to be an unforgettable day."

A host of other sporting activities for families and children will be included in the day's action – including a new family fun run.

Man sentenced to nine years for rape

A MAN has been sentenced to nine years imprisonment for rape.

Mohammed Noor Ali, 36, (above) of no fixed abode, was charged with rape and was sentenced at Cardiff Crown Court today (June 14).

He pleaded guilty at an earlier hearing and the court heard the offence took place in Maesteg in April, 2019.

In a victim statement, the woman said every aspect of her life has been affected by what had happened.

She had no memory of the assault and woke up with injuries. When officers arrested Ali, they seized his mobile phone on which they found 101 photos of the unconscious woman.

The judge also ordered Ali to sign the sex offenders' register.

Detective Constable Gareth Holmes, the officer in the case, praised the courage of the victim in coming forward. He said: "I would like to commend her for showing immense strength and courage throughout the investigation and court process to ensure Ali was brought to justice.

"Ali's actions have had a devastating and lasting impact on her. I hope this sentence provides some closure and comfort as she attempts to move forward with her life.

"I want to reassure anyone considering doing so that there is a whole range of support out there, not only from the police but from partner agencies who can help you through the entire process."

Sexual abuse can be reported via 101, or to Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. Help and advice can be sought from Sexual Assault Referral Centres (SARC); visit http://the-survivorstrust.org/sarc/ or contact 02920 335795.

Chorus of approval for carers' choir

A CHOIR set up specifically for carers in Bridgend county borough has marked Carers Week (June 10-16) by releasing its first original song.

The Off Duty choir was formed in January to give local carers some 'me time' and a chance to socialise with fellow carers. Less than six months later, they have recorded their debut single 'Strong' with help from musical director and song writer Izzy Thomas, music producer Phil Curran and students from Bridgend College's Performing Arts Department.

The song is available for download at www.strongsong.co.uk and proceeds raised will be donated to the Carers UK charity.

To accompany the song, the choir also filmed a World War Two-themed music video at Kenfig Nature Reserve, and the choir performed 'Strong' as part of a Wartime Bridgend event in Bridgend town centre recently.

The Off Duty choir has been set up with support from Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC), Awen Cultural Trust, and the Bridgend Carers Centre. Cllr Phillip White, the council's cabinet member for social services and early help, said: "The daily pressures that a carer can face often remain hidden from public view. Carers can often find themselves feeling misunderstood, isolated and can suffer from loneliness, but the Off Duty choir ensures that they feel understood, valued and able to contribute to their community. We are delighted to have supported the formation of the choir and it is fantastic to see that they are doing so well in the small time they've had since they were established in January."

The Off Duty choir is open to all carers, and no singing experience is necessary. The choir rehearse every Monday from 11am to 12.30pm in the Evergreen Hall on Angel Street, Bridgend.

Information about support for carers can be found at www.carers.org or by contacting kathy.proudfoot@bridgend.gov.uk.

Haberdashery sale at SUSSED in Porthcawl

THERE will be a fabric, wool and haberdashery fundraising sale on Friday and Saturday, June 21/22, 10.30am to 4pm, in SUSSED, Porthcawl, James Street, CF36 3BG.

Ideal for crafters, quilters, creatives and lovers of sewing and knitting. Proceeds go to support SUSSED, the charity's ethical community shop. Fairtrade coffee, tea and refreshments will be available.

Community events

The Green Room above SUSSED is available for talks and presentations for community groups meetings and events.

The room is airy, light, has kitchen facilities, and space for up to 30 people. Home-made and fair-trade refreshments can be provided.

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Bridgend choir was invited to cathedral concert

CHELMSFORD Cathedral was the venue for the annual concert of Chelmsford and District Welsh Society, and Bridgend Male Choir were invited to perform with 'Serin' a trio of wonderfully talented young women.

The Cathedral was packed and an expectant audience were ready to enjoy a varied feast of music.

The talent on display was appreciated by an audience eager to listen and the evening did not disappoint. They were rewarded with an imaginative display of harmony and spine tingling music.

The choir and Serin were in sparkling form, sonorous, engaging and presented with razor sharp precision.

The range of work was glorious and the poignant 'For The Fallen' performed by the choir befitted the recent 75th anniversary of the D-Day Landings and moved the listener to their own private emotions.

The audience were inspired to hear the organ expertly played by Scott Williams and also witness the amazing accompaniment and musical direction from Stephanie Bailey and Ryan Wood respectively. The collaborative performance was exquisite and the joy in the Cathedral was palpable.

On leaving, hearts were full and memories cherished with the audience in raptures at what they had witnessed.

Jan Craddock

COMMUNITY NEWS

TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL

News and views from Nancy Davidge, Tynewydd, Llangan. 01656 860303.

News from Llangan Primary School

Friends of Llangan School held a very successful Father's Day gift stall on Thursday, June 13 at the school.

It was so popular that a few of the parents had to rush out and buy extra gifts!

The children really enjoyed choosing their own gifts for Mother's and Father's Day and the school is really grateful to the Friends of Llangan for their support.

Everyone at the school is hopeful that there is an improvement in the weather for the sports day which takes place today (June 20).

Following the event, the Friends of Llangan School are holding a mini summer fair.

This will take place straight after the sport events and will include a barbecue, refreshments and a lot of fun!

New footpath

Work which as been in operation in the Fferm Goch area of Llangan is now complete with a new footpath, leaving the playing field to the St Mary Hill and Llangan Community Hall.

Barriers are also in place to prevent children running on to the very busy Pentremeyrick-Pencoed Road.

Reminder

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Action is required on Weycock Cross 'chaos' says AM

THE Vale Council must take action over the "ongoing chaos" being caused by roadworks at Weycock Cross roundabout in Barry, South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies has said.

The disruption has been caused by works to upgrade Five Mile Lane, despite no maintenance being carried out on Port Road linking Cardiff, Barry and Rhoose.

Mr Davies said he had been inundated with complaints from constituents across the area, pointing out that tailbacks were going back "miles" and causing considerable delays.

Similar problems have occurred on the A48 at Sycamore Cross, where the AM says that complex traffic controls have caused additional problems.

He called for action to be taken to minimise the disruption, and has raised concerns with the council.

Mr Davies said: "The works to upgrade Five Mile Lane have caused significant disruption on Port Road, despite the fact that this road is not part of the upgrade scheme.

"Many people are rightly concerned by the delays, which are especially bad in peak hours, and I have been caught in them myself far too often.

"The council must take action to minimise the inconvenience caused. I don't see why works on one road can have such effects on another, and they need to sort it out."

Emma Reed, the Vale Council Head of Neighbourhood Services and Transport, said: "We are fully aware of the frustration and disruption experienced by residents, businesses and visitors over the past few months at the Weycock Cross junction in Barry.

"The works being undertaken by water and electricity companies are connected to road construction works currently under way on Five Mile Lane which will significantly improve vehicle, pedestrian and cycling transport links in the area.

"The nearby Five Mile Lane improvement project will deliver faster journey times and a safer, more reliable route. The scheme will also offer improved access to Cardiff Airport and St Athan Enterprise Zone.

"The Weycock Cross Junction works include widening the road around the roundabout, installing a Toucan crossing on Port Road west on the road to the Cwm Ciddy pub, as well as the realignment of various kerbs to enhance cycling and pedestrian access.

"Construction work at the Weycock Cross roundabout, Barry will also significantly improve local utility infrastructure.

"There have been ongoing technical issues with an old large asbestos water main which serves a significant number of properties in the Barry, Rhoose and airport area. These are currently being addressed by Welsh Water whilst they are still maintaining water supplies to properties and businesses in the area.

"These water works are due to be completed by early July. Western Power Distribution are then due to carry out electrical works at the Weycock Cross junction, which are scheduled for approximately 10 days.

"Once these water and electricity works have been completed, construction work related to the Five Mile Lane project will resume and is due to be completed in the early autumn. As part of this work, the Weycock Cross Junction road will have a new surface.

"To minimise further disruption, work carried out by Welsh Water to construct a new water main, from the Welsh Hawking Centre on Five Mile Lane via the Weycock Cross Junction along Pontypridd Road, will take place at the same time at the Weycock Cross Junction."

Mrs Lyn Murray presents the trophy to the Alto Rebels team.

Golfers enjoy Ray Murray Golf Day

PROSTATE Cymru's annual golf day, the Ray Murray Golf Challenge, took place on May 17 at Machynys Peninsula Golf Club in Llanelli.

The day is one of the charity's key events in their annual calendar and is supported by a number of individuals and businesses from across Wales.

The golf day is held in memory of Ray Murray, the founder chairman of Prostate Cymru, who established the charity in Cowbridge in 2003. Ray was passionate about raising awareness of prostate issues and raising funds for the charity to improve patients' experience in Wales.

As a keen golfer, one of the key events he organised each year was a charity golf day and Prostate Cymru continues to run the annual golf event in his honour.

Golfers, including Ray's sons Rob and Matt Murray, enjoyed 18 holes of golf on the Nicklaus championship course.

Fundraising activities including a raffle and games were held and prizes were presented to teams and individuals in the evening after a delicious two-course meal. The prizes were presented by the Murray family Lyn, Rob and Matt Murray.

The winning team were the Alto Rebels from office technology firm AltoDigital, successfully defending their title from 2018. BMI Healthcare Werndale Hospital and law firm Blake Morgan LLP placed second and third respectively.

Gareth Gamblins from Team Deadly won the prize for nearest the pin and Paul Doherty from Blake Morgan won the longest drive. The sweeps winners were ambassador Matt Murray from Team Murray for guessing the number of lost balls on the course, ambassador Eddie Butler from the Prostate Cymru team for guessing the number of tees in the jar and Andrew Street from Aecom, who correctly guessed where Prostate Cymru chairman Andy Thomas' first shot was going to land on hole 16 as part of the 'Spot the Surgeon's Drive' game.

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Jones Dairies' war on scourge of single use plastic!

CHRIS Jones of Jones Dairies delivers milk and fruit juice in glass bottles to his customers. **IMAGE by GLYN EVANS.**

A FAMILY-run dairy company in Barry has saved 150,000 uses of single-use plastic in the last 18 months thanks to customers switching to milk in glass bottles.

Jones Dairies, based on Dock View Road, has been delivering milk in the Vale for 90 years and is keen to do its bit to save the environment by encouraging deliveries in glass bottles rather than plastic ones.

Chris Jones, who runs the company with his brother Gareth, told The GEM: "Because of David Attenborough's films people have become aware of the serious damage that single use plastic items can do to the environment.

"Over the last 18 months many people have called us to say they want their milk delivered in glass bottles. We estimate that has saved 150,000 items of single use plastic.

"Thanks to customers who have switched, and new people coming to us because they don't want to use the supermarkets' plastic bottles, we are now running along at an extra 2,500 pints in glass bottles every week."

The GEM featured the company in February 2018 when it started to get inundated with calls from eco-conscious consumers who had watched Blue Planet II, which was broadcast in late 2017.

The documentary revealed a startling statistic – that eight million tonnes of plastic a year ends up in the ocean.

Chris explained: "Unlike plastic, a glass bottle can be reused 30 times before it is sent off to be recycled. It is then recycled into new glass bottles that will one day be recycled again. It is a continuous process."

Last week, a BBC programme, War on Plastic, presented by Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall and Anita Rani, demonstrated how households in just one street in Bristol had several thousand single-use plastic items.

Chris said: "It led to another surge in calls from people. Everybody has milk and consumers are thinking more and more about the packaging that is used. We sell milk, fresh fruit juice and spring water all in glass bottles.

"Supermarkets don't seem to want to deal in glass – maybe they think it's too fragile.

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'Sweetest pair' of Akitas a need home

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Air Passenger Duty to be devolved to Welsh Government by 2021

CARDIFF Airport has welcomed a report published on June 11 by the Welsh Affairs Committee into the devolution of Air Passenger Duty (APD).

The unanimously-agreed report recommends that the UK Government should hand over control of Air Passenger Duty in Wales to the Welsh Government by 2021.

Cardiff Airport has continuously reinforced its position on the matter – calling for the tax to be devolved and then reduced or abolished.

Cardiff Airport believes that the devolution and subsequent modification of APD in Wales offers a significant opportunity to create value for both the airport and region, supporting an integrated UK aviation strategy without detrimental impact on airports across the border in England.

Devolution alone would not directly affect the airport business.

However, it would offer the Welsh Government the discretion to set levels appropriately for Wales.

It is the subsequent reduction or abolishment of APD, which would positively affect Cardiff Airport and the regional economy by stimulating airline activity resulting in more passengers and business growth.

While Cardiff Airport recognises the responsibility of the industry to reduce its environmental impact, it acknowledges that displacing air travel to/from London airports will help reduce carbon emissions from long car journeys by keeping air travel within the region.

Cardiff Airport is firmly committed to reducing its carbon footprint and has introduced a significant number of initiatives to offset emissions and improve efficiency.

Deb Barber, CEO at Cardiff Airport said: "We are delighted by the findings of the report which show the Committee agree with the strength of the compelling case to devolve APD without adversely affecting English airports.

"Devolution allows the Welsh Government the discretion to set levels appropriately for Wales and must be balanced with environmental considerations – there is certainly an opportunity to reduce the need for long car journeys to and from English airports by increasing flight options to and from the region.

"The recommendation must now be taken seriously by UK Government. With Brexit on the horizon, the UK should seize the opportunity and take forward solutions to be more competitive, stimulate investment and encourage global connectivity."

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Talk on debut novel by local author

A TALK by local author Vanessa Savage will be at Penarth Library on Saturday, June 22, 11am-12 noon, when she will talk about her debut novel, *The Woman in the Dark*, which is set on the south Wales coast.

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Bridgend Male Choir's song of solidarity with Ford workers

BRIDGEND Male Choir performed the Welsh national anthem outside Ford's UK headquarters, following the company's decision to close their plant in Bridgend.

The choir were "supporting Ford Bridgend workers". Around 1,700 people will lose their jobs when the engine factory closes in autumn 2020. The choir stopped off at the offices in Essex following a scheduled performance at Chelmsford Cathedral.

Council leader – Vale decisions will 'take time'

THE new leadership of the Vale Council has been warned there are "no excuses" for kicking controversial plans for new parking charges and to 'close' a school into the long grass.

Cllr Neil Moore, who leads the Labour-led coalition now running the Vale Council, has said he won't be rushed into making key decisions or "kowtow to those who shout the loudest".

Key decisions on whether parking charges will be introduced to parts of the Vale for the first time, or the transfer of Llancarfan Primary School to Rhoose, are not likely to be made until later in the year.

Vale Conservative Leader, Cllr Vincent Bailey, said the new administration had made its stance on these issues clear in opposition, and warned that members of the public would now expect them to come good on their commitments.

Cllr Lis Burnett, now deputy leader of the Vale council, tweeted during the Rhoose by-election in February that the Llancarfan School closure "wouldn't be happening if Welsh Labour were running the council".

Cllr Neil Moore, as a member of the council's Environment and Regeneration Committee, voted unanimously along with other committee members to reject proposals for car parking charges.

Cllr Bailey said: "Cllr Moore is an experienced politician and played a key role as part of the Environment and Regeneration committee alongside me in tearing up these proposals for parking charges.

"He is now in a position to reassure Barry Island traders that they need not fear the impact of draconian charges, and we will join the community in supporting him if he does."

On Llancarfan School, Cllr Bailey added: "Having spent two years chairing the committee which looked at this decision in great detail, it's hard to see why Cllr Burnett cannot come out right away and reverse this decision.

"These are not new councillors dealing with new issues. There really is no excuse to waste time and allow these concerns to fester over the summer."

In a joint statement, Cllrs Moore and Burnett said: "It's always disappointing when politicians suggest that simple answers to complicated issues are possible. Cllr Bailey would be aware that the last Labour administration repeatedly refused to consider recommendations to close Llancarfan.

"However, once it had been put on the table, I imagine the people of the Vale would expect us to fully review the proposal before a decision is taken.

"Our comments on parking charges are also a matter of public record. We also know we have to find a way to balance the huge costs of non-statutory services. We need to find a way of funding our much-loved country parks, the management of our resorts and car parks and our events programmes yet minimise any impact and inconvenience on local residents, businesses and communities. If that takes a little time, so be it."

Matt Discombe,
Local democracy reporter.

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City Deal bosses £50k business trip to Cannes

NEARLY £50,000 was spent flying out 10 high-ranking councillors and chief executives from south east Wales to a four-day business conference in the French Riviera.

Representatives of the Cardiff Capital Region (CCR) City Deal attended the Marche International des Professionals d'Immobilier (MIPIM) in March to promote the £1.2 billion venture.

Flights, accommodation and transport costs totalled £17,586 for the trip to the renowned event in Cannes, which was attended by more than 26,000 investors, developers and journalists from around the world. The delegation included council leaders and chief executives.

Another £30,538 was spent on conference passes, an event stand, meetings, marketing materials and a debrief dinner.

A breakdown of costs per attendee is as follows:

- Cllr Huw David, leader of Bridgend council – £1,829.54.
- Cllr David Poole, leader of Caerphilly council – £1,855.94,
- Christina Harrhy, interim chief executive of Caerphilly council – £1,855.94.
- Cllr Peter Fox, leader of Monmouthshire council – £1,855.94.
- Paul Matthews, chief executive of Monmouthshire council – £1,855.94.
- Cllr Andrew Morgan, leader of Rhondda Cynon Taf council – £1,855.94.
- Frank Holmes, chair of the CCR Economic Growth Partnership – £1,829.54.
- Kellie Beirne, CCR director – £1,579.68.
- Two CCR council officers – £3,067.68.

In a report discussed by CCR leaders on June 10, director Kellie Beirne said the presence showed that the region was "in the game and invested in developing its international presence".

"A range of high-potential contacts and new high-value networks were formed," reads the report.

"Whilst CCR was never going to leave MIPIM with a done deal, the potential for future collaboration and investment opportunities clearly exists. In this case, it was about establishing reciprocity, interest, creating buzz, connecting on a personal level and beginning to set out purpose and intent."

There are now plans to attend the MIPIM Cannes event in 2020, though Ms Beirne has suggested that the branding of the region should be strengthened.

Neil Brierley, who led the MIPIM trip as chair of the CCR Business Council, said: "MIPIM is the ideal opportunity to showcase the city region and ensure the CCR shines brightly in the European investment market.

"We consider the 2019 event a major success, and a springboard for MIPIM 2020."

Niall Griffiths
Local democracy reporter

Council extends its Syrian refugee rehoming scheme

MORE refugees from war-torn Syria are to get new lives in the Vale.

The council has agreed to extend its participation in a United Nations scheme which resettles Syrian refugees until March 2020.

Syrian refugees have been taken in by councils in Cardiff and the Vale since May 2016 under a three-year agreement with the Home Office.

That has since expired but the Vale Council's cabinet has now agreed to continue actively resettle Syrian refugees until March next year.

Since May 2016 a total of 12 Syrian refugee families have been resettled in the Vale. The council now hopes to resettle another four families by March 2020.

A total of 28 families have been resettled across Cardiff and the Vale since May 2016.

Cardiff council, which has also agreed to extend its participation in the scheme, hopes to rehome a further six Syrian refugee families by March next year.

A Cardiff council meeting has heard both councils have only used private rented accommodation to resettle the refugees amid growing demand for social housing and homelessness.

The UK Government funds the costs of resettling refugees for five years but the amount councils can claim reduces year on year.

In the first 12 months, councils can claim tariffs of £8,250 for each adult or £8,520 for each child on top of grants of up to £4,500 for schooling costs.

Matt Discombe,
Local democracy reporter

Two Corntown gardens open to the public for National Garden Scheme charity

CORNTOWN Gardens, Bridgend - Y Bwthyn and Rhos Geler is open on Sunday, June 23, between 11am and 4pm as part of the National Garden Scheme.

Y Bwythyn has had over 30 years of hard labour, some guesswork and considerable good luck resulting in a delightful garden.

The area at the front of the house is a mixture of hot colour combinations whilst at the rear of this modest sized garden the themes are of a more traditional cottage garden style which include colour themed borders as well as soft fruit, herbs and vegetables.

There will be home-made teas at Y Bwythyn.

Rhos Geler's garden has a lavender hedge at the front and subjects to attract butterflies.

The main garden area at the back of the house is a long narrow garden that is in a series of themed areas.

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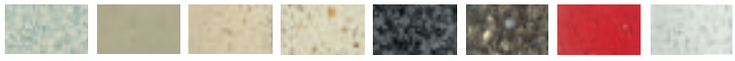

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Bryncethin Rugby Club's £550K project for community

PHIL Jones, the vice-chairman of Bryncethin Rugby Club, first played for the club 50 years ago and did not want to see a club with junior and adult teams at the heart of the community disappear when the council said they had a choice between pitch fees rising astronomically, the pavilion closing, or the club taking responsibility for running it and cutting the grass themselves.

Phil and three others at the club have spent the last few years undertaking a Community Asset Transfer (CAT) for the club's pavilion from Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC).

He said: "When I was young, the rugby club was the centre of village life. We played for it, and felt part of the village – any team sport is a good thing, for discipline and friendship.

"But rugby clubs are struggling. Some of the clubs in the county have already closed, and it's altering the social fabric of communities. Our pavilion was close to being condemned, and the council didn't have the money to spend on it.

"We realised we either had to take it on ourselves or it would close due to the sub-standard conditions, and rugby would ultimately go from the village. We have been in existence for 130 years but we would have been finished if we hadn't done this."

They are now leading a £550,000 building project, which is transforming the run-down pavilion into a two-storey community centre with new changing rooms, kitchens, an IT suite, a meeting room, large hall area and patio doors onto a balcony.

In addition to clubs and various organisations, town and community councils are also taking on facilities where they can, in order to ensure they are not lost.

In Bridgend, Bryncethin RFC's pavilion is the first outdoor sports facility to be transferred by the local authority. In recent years BCBC has wanted clubs to take on leases for buildings and sports fields, but it is only in the last year it has raised the stakes.

It has warned clubs and local organisations that if they do not take responsibility for them, the council will have little option but to close facilities – or charge clubs up to five times more to use them.

The council currently provides 40 football pitches, 31 rugby pitches, nine cricket squares and 17 bowling greens. A public consultation is currently running, asking clubs what appetite they have for taking on leases and how they should be managed. Historically, the council has provided the services on a heavily-subsidised basis, covering on average up to 80% of costs.

There is concern that as local authorities withdraw looking after outdoor sports facilities, football and rugby could slowly die out at grassroots level.

Graham Williams, director of community engagement at Sport Wales, says the increasing financial pressures on local authorities is having a knock-on effect on sports clubs.

He said: "Community asset transfer can provide a positive solution. However, there needs to be support – financial or from a skills perspective – from the local authority for any club looking to go through this process. Governing bodies of sports are aware of the issues and, where they can, are also providing advice and support to their clubs."

He added: "The management of maintenance of sports pitches varies significantly across Wales and even between one town and the next. We know that many grassroots clubs rely on public facilities provided by local authorities."

In Bridgend, the CAT process has been criticised for being complex and lengthy, and is off-putting to clubs who are solely reliant on volunteers to run them.

Many of the buildings up for transfer are in a bad condition with only limited pots of funding available to restore them.

Phil Jones added: "One of my concerns is the older, more traditional and more community-minded members are used to turning up on a Saturday and having both the building, and grass-cutting taken care of by the council. I think the extra responsibility is just too much for them. It will be too much for the committee, and if you haven't got a committee, you haven't got a team.

Speaking about the club's refurbishment, club chairman Jon Davies said: "We built this with the community in mind, a pavilion the whole community could enjoy rather than be exclusively used by one or two groups. We've had expressions of interest from judo and karate clubs, a ballet school and a couple of charities.

"It was a big ask to take it on but since then, so many organisations have come forward to say they want to use it."

In addition to the building project, the centre will soon have its own dedicated car park with a minimum of 25 spaces.

While the project has been driven by the rugby club, a community group has been set up to run the centre, with the intention of including one person from each of the user groups. With 300 members belonging to the rugby club, there are strong links to the community and the skills of some of them have been invaluable to the CAT transfer process, providing legal assistance, construction knowledge and project management.

The project received £110k from BCBC's £1m pot for asset transfers which the club was then able to use to get £15k from the Welsh Rugby Union and further funding from the EU Rural Community Development Fund and Welsh Government's Community Facilities Programme.

The pavilion is due to be completed in the middle of June, with an official opening on July 19, and a community fun day on July 20.

Sport Wales has an online resource to support clubs – Club Solutions – that provides information to help volunteers, including guidance on asset transfer. It also has a £1 million fund for grassroots community facilities now open for applications until the end of June.

Liz Bradfield
Local democracy reporter

Local opticians help bowls club

TWO local opticians have agreed to sponsor Romilly Bowls Club as council budget cuts place the 111-year-old sports club under threat.

Specsavers' optical and audiology teams in Barry and Cardiff will sponsor the club, which has more than 70 members, for the next 12 months.

The club is one of dozens of sport groups in the region being asked to cover the costs of their sports facilities following budget cuts from the Vale Council. The policy of asking clubs to take more responsibility for their assets such as sports grounds and clubhouses is not confined to the Vale. In neighbouring Bridgend county borough, the local authority is doing the same. (*See story on left, concerning Bryncethin RFC.*)

Graham Cogbill, chairman at Romilly Bowling Club, said: "Our club has been a social hub for many of our members for decades and is a great way for older people to get some basic exercise."

He said the club needs to raise more than £15,000 a year to cover the maintenance of the green and other costs. While some of this will be made up from fees, there is still a significant shortfall and the club is reluctant to double or triple members' payments.

"We are so grateful for the support of Specsavers, as their donations will edge us closer to our target and hopefully ensure we can continue to serve the community we love," Mr Cogbill added.

Jamie Pullen, director of Specsavers in Barry, said: "After hearing about the club's story and meeting the organisers directly, it was clear that we needed to do something. With the support of James Deavall (Specsavers Cardiff), we have been able to do our bit for the cause."

Byron's Devon Double

COWBRIDGE'S Byron Moorcroft brought his total of wins to 28 with a double at the Torrington Farmers Steeplechase at Umberleigh last Saturday – the end of the 2018-19 season.

Moorcroft, 31, who has enjoyed his best ever season, won the men's open on the nine-year-old brown gelding *Ramble On* and the open maiden race on the seven-year-old *Long Mile Road.*

The former, owned by Kevin Salter and trained by Luke Price, was odds-on favourite and came home nine lengths ahead of *Bay To Go.*

Long Mile Road, the 5-4 favourite, beat *Devon Redway* and is owned and trained by Jason Warner.

Ruperra Tom, owned by John Rees and former Welsh champion rider Tim Jones, was a five lengths winner of the intermediate race under the legendary Will Biddick. The 11-year-old bay gelding is trained by Mickey Bowen in Pembrokeshire.

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Men In Black's globetrotting adventure is great fun...

WHILE a far better effort than the misguided sequel, *Men In Black 3* seemed to put a full stop on the MiB franchise.

There were plans to merge the universe with that of the Jump Street films, a merger that thankfully failed to get off the ground, but it did kickstart plans to reinvigorate the franchise, starting with *Men In Black: International.*

There's no Will Smith or Tommy Lee Jones this time around though, as we meet Tessa Thompson's Molly. After having an encounter with an alien when she was younger, her memories have remained, and she sets about tracking down the men in black she saw.

When she infiltrates their headquarters, her resourcefulness sees her hired and renamed Agent M, and she finds herself assigned to the London branch where, working alongside the famous and slightly cocky Agent H (Chris Hemsworth) the pair go on a global journey to uncover a mole in the organisation...

It's been seven years since the last Men In Black film, one that undid the harm done by the second part but equally didn't exactly leave fans salivating for more adventures.

Men In Black: International, on the surface, feels like a film that is designed to take advantage of a dormant cinematic property and give it a fresh lick of paint while hopefully trousering a generous box office take while they're at it.

But, in actuality, this is a film that, while not hitting the heights of the first film, is fresh and vibrant enough to work as a kick starter to a whole new series of films on its own terms, taking the MiBs on a globetrotting adventure that may play out predictably but has a lot of fun

SCREEN TALK with GARETH JAMIESON

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doing so.

Shorn of Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones as leads, this is a film that leans heavily on the performances, and chemistry, of Tessa Thompson and Chris Hemsworth, and fortunately the pair excel. Having shared a winning partnership in Thor: Ragnarok, here the pair essay their roles with aplomb.

Thompson is the newcomer to the world of the Men in Black, keen to impress her new bosses and solve a mystery that, for the audience at least, is painfully obvious to resolve, while Hemsworth is the 007-esque charmer with a self-inflated opinion of himself and his work.

While much of the humour and enjoyment comes from seeing the pair rub each other the wrong way, there's enough in their individual performances to make their turns hugely satisfying, with the pair more than capable of handling the more dramatic moments when they come around, but taking great delight in hitting the funny bone, Thompson often playing the straight man to Hemsworth's comic leanings.

Around them are players who bring what is required - Liam Neeson's head honcho, Rafe Spall's by-the-book agent, Rebecca Ferguson's three-armed alien (and former love interest of Hemsworth's Agent H) and Emma Thompson (the only returning character from the earlier films) - all more than dependable and filling out the cast well.

Director F Gary Gray is on something of a streak at present following the success of *Straight Outta Compton* and *Fast & Furious 8*, and here he shows he's more than adept at handling blockbuster fare, but never tries to make it too showy or ridiculous.

He's a reliable pair of hands and gives the film an energy that carries it through its running time, and while there's no jaw-dropping action sequence, there's plenty to savour and enjoy in a film that feels low-key for a summer blockbuster.

It's not a perfect film by any stretch - you can't help but feel some of the character work got lost at some point in the process, while the central mystery of the role becomes fairly obvious incredibly early on - but it still makes for a very enjoyable slice of fun, Men In Black: International a globetrotting delight.

VERDICT: A film that restores some of the glory to a franchise that seemed dormant, *Men In Black: International* is a solidly entertaining blockbuster, mainly thanks to the wonderful central turns from Tessa Thompson and Chris Hemsworth, as well as an enjoyable supporting cast. F. Gary Gray's direction is dependable and assured, and while the film doesn't reinvent the wheel, it gives the audience a good time. Enjoyable.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Men In Black* (1997), *Thor: Ragnarok* (2017)

Local drama society pay a slick tribute to Frank...

THIS year the Llynfi Valley Amateur Dramatic Society presented excerpts from Frank Vickery's plays in *Let's be Frank*.

With excerpts taken from *Family Planning, One O'Clock from the House, All's Fair, After I've Gone* and *A Night Out*, the comedy was slick, funny and well presented.

IMAGE by PHIL DAVIES

What's on, and where in your area?

Support for the blind

ARE you registered blind or partially sighted? Maybe you are a carer looking after a loved one or relative?

Cardiff and Vale Royal Institute for the Blind Cardiff and Vale works to help blind and partially sighted people enjoy independent and fulfilling lives. There will be a drop in information session on Tuesday, June 25 at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry from 10am to 12 noon.

Epilepsy support

DO you have epilepsy or care for a loved one or relative who has this condition?

Epilepsy Wales run a monthly Outreach Support Group at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop in Holton Road, Barry and the next one is on Thursday, June 27 from 10.30am to 12 noon.

Chat to Lesley Williams from Epilepsy Wales and find out what support and advice is available. No appointment is needed; contact 01446 732385 for further information.

Mayor's coffee morning

LLANTWIT Major Town Mayor, Cllr Gant, will be holding a coffee morning on Saturday, June 29 from 10am-12 noon at Llantonian Hall.

Entry is £3 and includes a cup of coffee/tea/soft drink and a cake.

Entertainment will be provided by the Ukulastics and there will be stalls held by the local art and craft group.

There are raffle prizes to be won with all proceeds donated to the Mayor's chosen charities; Llantwit Major Stroke Support Group, Vale Plus and Woody's Lodge.

RBL drop-in

Royal British Legion Cardiff and Vale are holding a drop-in information session on Tuesday, July 2 between 10am-12 noon.

The British Legion helps members of the British Legion, British Army, Royal Air Force, Veterans and their families.

They will have information on independent living, support for carers, supporting veterans in the local community and signposting to other networks is available and no appointment is needed - just come along to Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry, or call 01446 732385 for further information or just come along and have a chat.

Benefits advice

ARE you living in Vale and need some advice or help on benefits such as pension credit, attendance allowance, housing benefit or disability living allowance?

Age Connects Cardiff and Vale run a free welfare rights service which can help you with any of these issues.

An adviser from Age Connects Welfare Rights Service will be able to chat on any of these issues and help with form filling.

A session will be held on Tuesday, July 2 between 9.30am-11.30am at Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry, no appointment is needed.

Contact 01446 732385 for further information (home visits can be arranged).

Gems from Barry hit the TV screen

BARRY will be in the television spotlight later this week, appearing on a new S4C show.

The island and the surrounding area will be the subject of a full episode of S4C travel series, *Codi Pac,* which looks at hidden gems and places of interest in towns across Wales through the eyes of a tourist.

Host Geraint Hardy will learn the rich history of Barry during Roman, Norman and the industrial ages, by speaking to town resident, Alcwyn Evans, in the Knap.

He then ventures towards Cold Knap Beach and onto Porthkerry Park for a stroll through the woods and to see the famous viaduct.

Geraint and the crew also visit the Small Space theatre near Barry High Street.

It describes itself as the world's smallest magic theatre, and Geraint witnesses a magic show, before heading to the Pleasure Beach and the War Museum on Barry Island.

Featuring heavily throughout the episode are Barry's popular restaurants, pubs, hotels and independent high street shops.

The programme also ventures out from the town into the Vale of Glamorgan, near St Athan to visit Gileston where he spends time in a traditional Glamorgan cottage.

Codi Pac will be shown at 8.25pm on Friday, June 21, (tomorrow) on S4C.

The Welsh language show will have English subtitles as an option.

The episode will also be available to watch on demand at S4C Clic and BBC iPlayer.

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Gŵyl Fach y Fro ar Ynys y Barri

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Gŵyl Fach y Fro yw'r ŵyl flynyddol a sefydlwyd gan Menter Bro Morgannwg yn 2015 i ddathlu'r iaith Gymraeg a'r diwylliant Gymreig ym Mro Morgannwg. Mae'r ŵyl rhad ac am ddim hwn wedi mynd o nerth i nerth dros y blynyddoedd diwethaf, ac erbyn hyn mae wedi ennill ei lle yng nghalendr digwyddiadau Bro Morgannwg a'r cyffiniau gan ddenu cynulleidfaoedd eang i Ynys y Barri.

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Roedd line-up y Prif Lwyfan eleni'n cynnwys rhai o artistiaid mwyaf blaengar y sîn gerddoriaeth Gymraeg – Meic Stevens a'r Band, The Gentle Good, Chroma, Bwncath, Bronwen Lewis a'r Gerddorfa Ukulele Gymreig. Mae rhoi cyfleoedd i artistiaid lleol yn flaenoriaeth hollbwysig, ac fe gafwyd perfformiadau eleni gan Dagrau Tân (band ysgol Sant Baruc), Canfas (criw o ddisgyblion Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg) a Hana2K (cyn-ddisgybl Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg, sydd newydd gael ei dewis i fod yn rhan o gynllun cyffrous 'Gorwelion 2019').

Ychwanegiad newydd at yr ŵyl eleni oedd Glanfa Gwynfor – llwyfan gymunedol a gafodd ei enwi gan ddisgyblion blwyddyn 6 Ysgol Sant Curig, yn deyrnged i'r arwr lleol a chenedlaethol, Gwynfor Evans. Camodd dros 300 o bobl ar lwyfan Glanfa Gwynfor yn ystod y diwrnod, gyda pherfformiadau gan blant a phobl ifanc o Gylchoedd Meithrin, Ysgolion ac Aelwydydd y Fro, yn ogystal â Chriw Canu Penarth, côr newydd i oedolion.

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Gŵyl Fach y Fro at Barry Island

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GŴYL Fach y Fro was held on Barry Island on Saturday, June 15, and the organisers are pleased that the event proved to be successful once again this year.

Gŵyl Fach y Fro is the annual festival established by Menter Bro Morgannwg in 2015 to celebrate the Welsh language and its culture. This free family-friendly festival has earned its place as an important addition to the Vale's events calendar, and attracts audiences from the Vale and beyond.

The festival includes live musical performances, craft stalls selling local Welsh produce, a food & drink area, street entertainers, BWRLWM play area, and a variety of arts and crafts, circus and sport workshops. Gŵyl Fach y Fro started this year with a show by some of S4C Cyw's presenters and characters.

The main stage line-up included some of the biggest names in the Welsh music scene – Meic Stevens and Band, The Gentle Good, Chroma, Bwncath, Bronwen Lewis and the Welsh Ukulele Orchestra. An important priority for organisers is to ensure that Gŵyl Fach y Fro also offers the opportunity for young local bands and artists to take part.

Audiences enjoyed performances by Dagrau Tân (a band from Ysgol Sant Baruc), Canfas (a group of Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg pupils) and Hana2K (an ex-pupil of Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg, who has just been selected to be a part of the exciting 'Horizons 2019' project).

A new addition to this year's event was 'Glanfa Gwynfor' – a community stage which was named by pupils from Ysgol Sant Curig, as a tribute to the local and national hero, Gwynfor Evans.

Over 300 people took to the Glanfa Gwynfor stage throughout the day, with performances by children and young people from the Cylchoedd Meithrin, Schools and Community Groups in the Vale, as well as Criw Canu Penarth, a new choir for adults.

We'd like to say a big thank you to all our staff, volunteers, partners and performers, and of course to the 6,000 who came to Barry Island to support and enjoy the festivities!

Thanks to our official photographer 'Camera Sioned' for preparing these selection of photos exclusively for The GEM – keep an eye on our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts over the next few weeks to see more!

We are now in the process of evaluating the event. Were you at this year's Gŵyl Fach y Fro? We would really appreciate your feedback and comments. A link to the short online survey can be found on Menter's website: www.menterbromorgannwg.cymru.

Barry Soroptimists' help for Welsh Hearts and cancer stem cell research

Barry and District Soroptimists recently donated a cheque to Welsh Hearts, one of the charities they support.

AT the end of her tenure, president Mary presented her two nominated charities with money raised by Barry and District Soroptimists during her year.

Welsh Hearts provide defibrillators, CPR training and heart screening sessions throughout Wales and were pleased to have a donation of £1,550 from Soroptimists.

Sharon Owen, the director and originator of Welsh Hearts, invited members to their offices in Llandaff to hear more about Sharon's plans for the future of the charity, after which volunteers gave the Soroptimists a CPR training session.

The European Cancer Stem Cell Research Institute in Cardiff University received a donation of £1,600 towards their vital work. Club members visited the centre for a guided tour of the facility, where researchers explained their roles and demonstrated some of the equipment they use.

Members said that people should be proud to know important work like this was happening in Wales.

Donations have also been made to the Welsh Heritage Schools Initiative, LATCH, Amelia Trust Farm, the Meru Garden Project, Women-Water-Leadership, Lesotho Trust, Malarchi Pooncholai Trust, Velindre Cancer Centre, Breast Cancer Care and The Owl Sanctuary.

The coffee morning at Barry Island Beach Huts raised more than £500 for Macmillan.

Besides doing voluntary community work, Soroptimists raise money by holding various functions during the year. Come and join in the events and help to raise money for worthy causes – every penny raised goes to charity.

To find out more, visit www.sigbi.org/barryanddistrict.

Pupils and staff from Oakfield and Jenner Park primary schools enjoyed the Kids Out event.

Kids Out fun with Rotary Club

ON June 12,the Rotary Club of Barry supported Rotary's National 'Kids Out' event and took 30 pupils from Oakfield and Jenner Park Primary Schools to Folly Farm Adventure Park and Zoo.

Pupils enjoyed a fun-filled day, organised by past president, Carl Kerr.

The day out was made possible thanks to the public's continued generosity in supporting the Rotary Club's fundraising events.

The next event will be the Charity Duck Race and Summer Fete in the Knap Gardens on Saturday, July 20, from 11am to 4pm. Ducks can be sponsored on the day or in advance from Food for Thought Delicatessen, Doctor Bobs Balloons, Giggles Toy Shop in High Street or Romilly's Cafe at The Knap, Barry.

Rotary members will also be with Ditty the Duck on July 6-7 in Asda, Barry, where ducks can also be sponsored.

Students stage end-of-year exhibition

STUDENTS from Cardiff and Vale College (CAVC) are staging their annual end of year art exhibition in Arts Central, Barry.

The show opened on June 13, and runs until Saturday, June 22

Students from courses ranging from Level 1 to Degree Level all have space set aside for them to display the best of their art.

There was a large turnout of visitors, ranging from students, proud parents, friends as well as staff from the college and representatives from the Royal British Legion at the opening.

Speeches were given by Vale AM Jane Hutt, who remarked on the quality of work on display, and the college's Head of Art and Design, Kristen Harries, who spoke of her pride in the department and how fantastic it was to see the results of the hard work students had put in through the year.

There was also a thank you from Teresa and Roy Goodwin, local representatives from the Royal British Legion who declared that they "had a lovely evening seeing the work and meeting the students who were rightly proud of what they had produced and achieved".

Students had raised £350. which was donated to the Poppy Appeal.

This was from the sale of art work students had made in response to the nationwide 1418NOW arts project commemorating the end of the First World War. Students had a week in Cardiff City Centre in a Pop Up Shop where they sold this work. Some of the pieces are on display currently in the gallery.

Another highlight of the show is the fantastic hat collection that Level 1 Art and Media students had created in response to a visit to see Wicked! The musical.

The show is open until Saturday, June 22, at Art Central and is free to visit.

Students alongside the work they produced for the 1418NOW project. Left to right is Malachai Denman, Courtney Stone, Sean Ball, Teresa Goodwin and Roy Goodwin.

Maesteg's listed buildings are put in the spotlight

AN enthralling and fascinating presentation was made by local historian Roy Meredith in Maesteg council chambers recently. His talk went as far back as 1682 when there was the first recorded death of a person employed in mining coal entered in the parish register, a Mr John Henry.

Mr Meredith's talk covered 18 of the listed buildings in Maesteg and detailed their uses and development up to the present day.

The buildings are under the care of 'Cadw Welsh Historic Monuments'.

Maesteg Town Council Chamber is one such building and the land to build the chamber was purchased by Maesteg Town Council in 1889 for £2,000.

It was officially opened in November 1915. In January 1916 the chamber was used to listen to the appeals of men against their notice of conscription in the Armed Forces of World War One.

The talk concluded with a quiz on past buildings in the town and a tour by Neil Perry around several of the listed buildings.

Inspired Learners launches 'well-being service'

INSPIRED Learners opened its doors to professionals and parents recently to showcase the upgraded and expanded centre on Holton Road.

The centre originally opened its doors in March 2017 and the open day provided an opportunity for the Inspired Learners team to launch a new well-being service that aims to provide mental health support to learners in the community through therapeutic interventions.

Its summer school will include activities such as Lego, art and transition work to support children before they take their next step to their new school.

AM welcomes Glamorgan Smallholders to the Assembly

SOUTH Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies has praised the work of Glamorgan Smallholders, after welcoming them to the National Assembly for Wales.

The organisation, chaired by Russell Capeling, is a networking group for smallholders in the Vale, and held the event at the Senedd to promote their work.

Several member organisations attended the event, including Garlic Meadow Smallholding at Culverhouse Cross, Wenvoe and Pensarn Barn in Llanmaes.

Garlic Meadow showcased their wool and goats milk soap, while Pensarn Barn brought along their free range eggs.

Mr Davies said: "Glamorgan Smallholders are a fantastic local organisation, providing help and support to smallholders within the Vale. It was great to catch up with my good friend Russ, whom I have known for many years, as well as several other member organisations.

"It was good to see so much local produce on display, and I would like to thank them all for taking the time to come down to the Senedd and share their experiences with AMs."

South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies welcomes Glamorgan Smallholders chair Russell Capeling and Natalie Hepburn from Garlic Meadow Smallholders to the Senedd.

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Bridgend Council's deputy mayor defends himself after 'jolly to France' criticism

BRIDGEND Town Council's new deputy mayor has defended a decision to attend a special twinning event in France after facing criticism for taking part in a "taxpayer-funded jolly".

Cllr Steven Bletsoe (Independent) said he was "deeply offended" by the accusation, adding it was about an "important civic event" between Bridgend and Villenave D'Ornon.

Conservatives on the town council were unhappy with plans to fund the travel costs for Cllr Bletsoe and his consort, town councillor Freya Bletsoe, when it was already paying for the mayor, his consort and the clerk to attend.

When the finance committee approved the £322 travel costs earlier this month, Cllr Matthew Voisey said it was "totally inappropriate", adding it was excessive, wasteful, and the public would see it as a "taxpayer-funded jolly".

At the time Cllr Bletsoe declined to comment but has now issued a statement after full council approved the travel costs on Monday, June 17.

He said his motivation to drive "at least 14 hours each way" was to represent the town council and the town itself at meetings with representatives of Villenave d'Ornon, "to ensure that the best outcome could be achieved through the town twinning relationship and look to improve it for all concerned".

He said: "This is not 'a jolly' and councillors using this phrase are being disrespectful to all parties involved, many who give their time voluntarily and raise funds to ensure that cultural exchanges continue to happen year on year."

He pointed out that not only had he turned down a £650 remuneration he was entitled to receive for being deputy mayor and a town councillor this year as soon as he was appointed, he had also declined to take the same amount last year, being a councillor and chairman of the regeneration committee.

He said: "I declined both amounts and asked for the money to be returned in full to council funds to be used for the taxpayer's benefit.

"The cost for my visit to Villenave D'Ornon is vastly less than the money that I am entitled to receive but have rejected.

"I cannot state strongly enough that my drive and motivation is for the public, not seeking 'jollies on the public purse'."

Cllr Bletsoe said it had always been intended to send additional representation to attend the event in France, being the 25th anniversary of the town twinning.

He said: "In November 2018, councillors set aside £2,000 to attend the civic event.

"Villanave D'Ornon and the town twinning committee requested four to five official attendees from Bridgend Town Council on a full civic invitation, alongside members of the committee itself and local choirs, all of who were paying for the trip from their own funds.

"Some of the first invitees were unable to attend, others were asked and they also could not attend.

"At this point, and shortly after my election to the position of deputy mayor, I was asked.

"I was told that I would be flown to France along with the other civic representatives but after discussing it with staff I offered to drive as it would allow me to take my consort, plus a further two councillors, all for the same cost to the public.

"This would both save money for the public and increase the number of people attending.

"It would also allow me to carry the civic gifts to Villenave D'Ornon and bring gifts back at no additional cost to the public."

He added: "It is important to know that when Villenave D'Ornon attended Bridgend for the 20th anniversary they sent 40 official delegates to the civic event.

"Here we were looking to send four in return – my attempt was to try to send seven with no additional costs to the public."

The town council will be paying for the flights and hotels for the mayor, mayor's consort and town clerk – understood to be a total of about £1,300 – and paying the £322 cost of travelling by car for the deputy mayor and his consort.

However the accommodation costs for the deputy mayor and his consort will not be reimbursed.

The anniversary event takes place in early September.

Liz Bradfield
Local democracy reporter

Local Air Cadets help out at Kenfig Hill & Pyle Festival Week events

ABOVE:
Photograph by A/Sgt Danielle Young RAFAC

CADETS and staff from 2117(Kenfig Hill) Squadron RAF Air Cadets took part in the 'Party on the Pitch' on the final weekend of the Kenfig Hill and Pyle Festival.

The squadron had an information stand and the cadets helped around the site setting up for the busy day ahead.

There were occasional showers but a good time was had by all. A/Sergeant Young was in charge of the cadets for the day with help from Flying Officer Williams RAFAC. The following day, eight cadets and A/Sergeant Danielle Young RAFAC took part in a church service to close the week.

The experience of taking part in a church service was new to many of the cadets, especially the three standard bearers but there were many compliments on their appearance and conduct. A/Sgt Young would like to thank the cadets for their commitment.

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Porthcawl Lions' golf day

Porthcawl Mayor Cllr Graham Walter with Gwyneth Poacher from Sandville and members of the Lions.

PORTHCAWL Lions Club's annual golf tournament at the Grove Golf Club was once again a success – despite pretty awful weather.

Inevitably, there were a few teams who cried off, but – particularly later in the day – some good rounds were completed, and enough money was raised to enable the Lions to donate £1,000 to each of the chosen charities: Prostate Cymru, The Stroke Club and Sandville.

The Mayor of Porthcawl, Cllr Graham Walter made the presentations and congratulated the winning teams, longest drives etc and gratitude was expressed to organisers, sponsors and those who braved the early downpour.

The results were as follows:

Men's competition: First, South Wales Police No 2 team; second, South Wales Police No 1 team; third, Comancheros.

Longest drive, L Coates; nearest the pin, Alex Williams.

Ladies' competition: First, Gutteridge's Florist team; longest drive Janise Hopkins.

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Lions president Rhys Lewis and prostate consultant Mr Andy Thomas (representing Prostate Cymru) with members of the Lions.

ABOVE:
The winning police No 2 team receive their prize..

Porthcawl Stroke Club chair Keith Duggan and members with Mayor Graham Walter.

AM views progress on water works in Barry

VALE AM Jane Hutt recently made a site visit with Vale Street resident representative and community champion Richard Bravey to view the impact and progress of the Cwm Cidi Estate Nant Talwg Sewer Welsh Water works, laying new pipes from the estate to link up to the drains system in Glamorgan Street.

Ms Hutt walked the site with Richard Bravey and was disappointed to see the loss of trees and ancient hedgerows which had been draw to her attention.

She said: "I have made representations on behalf of the residents of the estate regarding the access to the site for this major project and will be monitoring the impact of the works carefully with local residents.

"These essential works need to be undertaken, but it is vital that the trees are replaced, local wildlife is protected and I look forward to seeing those plans."

Youth Project team present pupil awards

CADOXTON Youth Project and Team recently presented certificates and gift cards to pupils who took part in the Easter and sport events held at Victoria Park in Cadoxton on April 13.

The team awarded Sully, Fairfield and Cadoxton Primary School pupils certificates: Cadoxton: first, Jayden Brian Coakley; first, Harry Banks; second, Noah Parsons; second, Eva Mae Gee Parsons; third, Holly Said; third, Jasmine Coakley, Taysha Powell, Kyan Powell. Sully pupils: first, Ruby Mullins Jade; Rita Limbrick and Chris Casado; second, Leila Mullins. Fairfield Primary School: first, Ellie Mae Gosling.

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When the sport of kings was held at Ely Racecourse…

AFTER providing a colourful chapter in the history of horse racing, 80 years ago this year, Cardiff's Ely Racecourse closed its gates forever.

Horse racing first came to Ely on May 30, 1855 but the sport was not entirely new to the town for the Ely racecourse was in line of descent from the old racecourse at Heath Farm.

In fact, Ely Racecourse was to survive right up until the start of the Second World War, and it was to attract some of the best horses in the country.

For instance, the dual Aintree Grand National winner *The Colonel* (1869/70) ran there, as did *Emblem* (1863) and *Emblematic* (1894). Other Grand National winners to grace the Ely turf were *Cloister*, *Father O'Flynn* and the legendary *Gold Miller*. The famed *Brown Jack*, ridden by Welshman LB Rees, won the Cardiff Club Juvenile Hurdle in 1927, and more than 40,000 racegoers had flocked to Ely to see the Welsh Grand National in 1895.

It was at Ely that Fulke Walwyn, the Queen Mother's trainer, rode his first winner while

other jockeys to ride there were the famed Anthony and Rees brothers from west Wales.

Cowbridge's Fred Williams, father of Evan Williams who won the Aintree Grand National on Royal Mail in 1937, was the official starter at Ely Racecourse and two riders from the Vale who won the Welsh Grand National were David Thomas, who won on *Miss Balscadden* in 1926, and George Bowden, who won on the same mare in 1928.

In my book *The Welsh Grand National - from Deerstalker to Emperor's Choice* (The History Press), I told how Llantwit Major's Posy Lewis' father Major EC Morel's *Waving Star*, ridden by Alec Marsh, came close to winning the last Welsh Grand National to be run at Ely Racecourse.

It looked as though *Waving Star*'s black, red and white colours, taken from the family shipping line which were immensely popular with racegoers, would record a local victory as the mare went half-a-dozen or so lengths clear after jumping the last.

But Jack Fawcus on *Lacatoi* conjured up a late run to win by the shortest of short heads to win the race for a third time – and to this day, no other horse has won the race three times.

Horse racing sadly came to an end at Ely Racecourse on April 27, 1939 after *Grasshopper*, partnered by Keith Piggott, father of the legendary Lester Piggott, won the last race.

Email your racing stories or pictures to brianlee4@virginmedia.com or call 02920 736438.

BRIAN LEE

Crime operations in Penarth tackle ASB and CSE

COMMUNITY concerns, a dedicated operation to tackle antisocial behaviour (ASB) in Penarth was carried out on June 7 and 8.

We received a number of reports in recent weeks regarding large groups of youths behaving in an antisocial manner – in particular, reports of underage drinking.

Operation Mobile involved neighbourhood policing teams from Penarth, the Vale, and Barry along with community safety partnership officers, when officers carried out high-visibility patrols and stop-searches around the anti social behaviour hotspots.

Officers confiscated a quantity of alcohol and gave two teenagers street warnings for cannabis.

This kind of behaviour will not be tolerated, and we are working with our partners to stamp out antisocial behaviour in our communities. I would urge parents to talk to their children about the dangers and the consequences of underage drinking.

A number of youths have already received antisocial behaviour warning letters in relation to an incident at the Penarth Athletic Field at the end of last month.

A 14-year-old boy has also been charged with an offence under the Assaults on Emergency Workers Act and is due in court later this month.

Officers were also out in Penarth during that weekend as part of Operation Brake to raise awareness of the signs of child sexual exploitation (CSE) within the night time economy.

This operation involves partnership working between South Wales Police's licensing and CSE teams along with the local authority's licensing enforcement teams. Staff at licensed premises, hotels and taxi drivers were spoken to by officers and posters highlighting how to identify the risks of CSE were distributed across the town.

Child sexual exploitation can happen to any child under the age of 18, making them vulnerable within the night time economy.

If you have any concerns about ASB or CSE, then report them to us on 101 or 999 in an emergency.

Chief Inspector for the Vale of Glamorgan, Tony Williams.

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HOLE
Desmond Paul

Desmond left us on Saturday, 15 June 2019 surrounded by his family bursting with love. Paul 'Des' beloved husband of Caroline and a much loved father of Jess, Josh and Willy.

Funeral service will be held at 2pm on Thursday, 27th June 2019 at St Hilary Church (Vale of Glamorgan), a very special place for the family. Any donations, please contribute to a Parkinson's charity of your choice.

NORTH
Joan
(Formerly Field *née* Westwood)

Passed away on Saturday, 8th June at Ty Enfys Nursing Home, Pentwyn, Cardiff.

Joan is safe and free from pain.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. A service to celebrate the life of Joan is to be held at Bethel Baptist Church, Llantwit Major on Thursday, 27th June at 2pm.

MAGRIN
Leonard Peter (Lenny)

Peacefully after an illness, Lenny passed away on 31st May 2019 at home. Father to son Lee and daughter Michelle and son Matthew. Loving grandfather, great grandfather and loving brother.

Resting at Park Funeral Directors, Barry until the funeral service at 11am on Thursday, 27th June at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry. Family flowers only. Please wear something red.

HULME
Levi

Suddenly at home on the 7th June aged 35 years. Much loved son of the late Beverley, loving son to Mark.

Levi will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Resting at Robert D Johnson Funeral Directors, 29 Holton Road, Barry, until a service to celebrate Levis' life on Monday, 1st July at Barry Cemetery Chapel at 11am, followed by Burial at 11:30am

Flowers may be sent to the funeral directors.

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CORRIGAN
Julia

Suddenly at home aged 53 years. Much loved daughter of the late Theresa. Cherished mum to Danielle and Ashlee. An adored nan to Faith and Theodore. Loved and missed by her sister Tracy, brother Anthony and all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service in the Chapel of Rest on Wednesday, 26th June at 10am, thereafter to Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 11am.

No flowers please. Donations, if desired, to British Heart Foundation.

PROSSER
Graham Henry Pryce

10/05/1928 – 15/06/2019

Died peacefully at Llandough Hospital.

Funeral service to be held on Wednesday, 26th June 2019 at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 10am. Flowers may be sent to the Green Willow Funerals, 21a Station Road, Dinas Powys CF64 4DE.

All enquiries to Green Willow Funerals.

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UPHILL
Ryan

Suddenly, at home, on 2nd June. Loving son of Dianne and Phillip. Much loved brother to Samantha and Jackie. 'Dad' to Aimee and Rhiannon.

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GERMAN
Jillian Mary

Peacefully at home on 30th May, Jillian, devoted wife to Eddie.

She will be greatly missed by all her extended family and friends.

Funeral service to take place at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Wednesday, 26th June at 12 noon.

No flowers by request

Further enquiries please telephone Lyndsay Ellis Funeral Director on 01446 407962.

HARRIS
Margaret (Peggy)

Sadly but peacefully at Llandough Hospital on 8th June after a long illness. Much loved mother to Susan, grandmother to Ryan, Danielle and Kylie and great grandmother to Kelsey and Ashton and mother-in-law to Gary.

Peggy will be sorely missed by all who loved and knew her.

Funeral service to be held at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Friday, 28th June at 3pm.

PETERS
Theresa Thelma

In loving memory of Thelma who passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, 18th June 2019, aged 90 years. Thelma will be sadly missed by her devoted husband Tony, sons Michael and Tony junior. Grandchildren Jon, Catherine and Olivia.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Friday, 28th June, service 11.30am at St Helens Roman Catholic Church, Barry, followed by interment 1pm at Porthkerry Cemetery.

The family would like to thank Marie Curie Hospice, district nurses and doctors for the wonderful care they've given Thelma during her illness.

Flowers by immediate family only. Donations if wished for Marie Curie Hospice Centre, Penarth c/o the funeral director.

DODD
Iris Mary (*née* Leckey)

Sadly on Saturday, 8th June 2019, at home, Iris beloved wife of the late John. Mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister and friend.

Will be sadly missed by all.

Resting at W.H. Preene & Son, Cadoxton until the service at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Monday, 24th June at 2pm.

No flowers. Donations, in memory of Iris, may be made to WaterAid UK c/o W.H. Preene & Son, 54 Main Street, Cadoxton, CF63 2HN.

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ULLIOTT
Carol

Chris, Sharon, Sarah and families would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for all the kind messages of sympathy, words of comfort and cards of condolence they received following the sad loss of Carol.

Thank you to all that attended the service and for the kind donations received to Cancer Research UK, which amounted to £210.

HARDING
Byron

Peacefully on the 8th June 2019 at the University of Wales Hospital, Cardiff, Byron aged 88 years. Beloved wife of the late Jean, much loved dad of Adrian, Ian and daughter-in-law Michelle.

Resting at Robert D Johnson Funeral Directors, 29 Holton Road, Barry until his funeral service on Thursday, 4th July at All Saints Church, Barry at 10:30am, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery at 12 noon.

Family flowers only by request. Donations may be made at the service for the Stroke Association c/o the funeral director or Remembrance Fund – https://byron-harding.muchloved.com/ (Stroke Association).

TAYLOR
Richard Clement

Passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, 8th June after a long illness bravely borne. Richard, of Llandeilo and formerly of Treneddyn Farm, Pontarddulais and West Farm, St Athan. Beloved husband of Elaine, loving father of Richard, Helen, Huw and Claire. Dear brother of David and brother-in-law of Keith. Cherished father-in-law of Carolyn, John, Eleanor and Sion and proud grandad of Glenda, Tom, Kathy, William, Harri and Cadi Fflur.

Friends please meet for service at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend, CF35 6AB on Friday, 28th June at 11.30am.

Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if so desired, to The League of Friends of The Llandovery Hospital c/o W.H. Preene & Son, Funeral Directors,Mwyndy, Pontyclun CF72 8PN.

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CROOKE
Cheryl Margaret (Mags)

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Taken from us too soon, Mags will be very sadly missed by all her family and friends.

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Mags is resting at W.A. Brown Funeralcare until her funeral service on Thursday, 27th June at 12.30pm at St Illtyd's Church, Llantwit Major, followed by committal at Coychurch Crematorium at 2.15pm.

Donations if desired, in memory of Mags, may be made to Macmillan Cancer Support.

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BLACKIE
Joseph Banks

Joseph sadly passed away aged 87 years after a long illness at Llandough Hospital on Tuesday, 28th May 2019. Beloved husband to the late Joy, much loved father to David, Joey, Jeffrey and stepchildren Alan, Sharon and Lionel. Loved grandfather and great grandfather.

He will be deeply missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at Green Willow Funerals 21a Station Road, Dinas Powys, CF64 4DE until the funeral service to be held at St Helens RC Church, Barry on Thursday, 27th June at 10am, followed by interment at Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery, Cemetery Road, Barry, CF62 8BP at 11.30am.

Family flowers only, donations in lieu of flowers for Llandough Hospital, Ward East 14.

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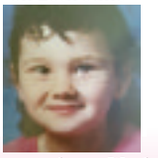

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Signed: **M Studt**
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Charity tea raises £1,500 for men's cancer charities

ORGANISERS of a charity event for Prostate Cymru and Testicular Cancer held in Penarth raised more than £1,500.

The event, hosted by Konsa Micallef and Ian Norton, took place at Etc Restaurant on June 7 and included entertainment, a raffle and guest speakers.

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End of season - but the chess keeps on going!

THE East Glamorgan League season finished last month.

There are however still plenty of opportunities for our members to be involved in competitive chess.

June 1 was the deadline for the the annual Alec Wood Trophy.

This is awarded to the East Glamorgan player whose rating has increased the most over 11 months and is open to all players with a recognised rating.

Sadly the winner was not a member of the Barry Chess Club but unusually it was won by an adult player, Kimberly Chong of the Cardiff Chess Club.

Sam Jukes remains the only Barry player to have held this trophy. Roger Jenkins from Pontypridd is the only other adult to have won this trophy.

Three of our players appear in the top 40 with Mike O'Leary in 25th place with his rating increased by 77 points; Mark Cooke appears in 34th place and Ray Denyer in 36th place with increases of 64 and 60 points respectively.

The Barry Club Championships commenced on June 17 with 15 entrants. We also have a Knockout Cup match on June 24.

In the Knockout Cup we received a bye in the previous round and now find ourselves playing the North Cardiff D team; Sam White captains our team.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry, CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

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PJ

Romilly Bowls Club's three wins out of four

ON Saturday, June 1, the Romilly first team travelled to Caerphilly.

Scores - Rink 2: Dave Francis, Roger Jones, Steve Close and skip Brian Foscolo 17-18, the home team picking up two on the last end to win; Rink 3: Kelvin Mills, Terry Bloomfield, Mel Newman and skip Mike Doyle 19-32; Rink 4: Alan Bryan, Dave Noble, Gwyn Ree and skip Graham Cogbill 17-19; Rink 5: Phil Gershenson, Jeff Daly, Gary Eastment and skip Jeff Wright 20-12. Aggregate defeat: 73-81.

That day also saw the first competitive game for the Romilly A side at home under new captain Anthony Jones.

Scores: Rink 1: Don Evans, John Kirkpatrick, Anthony Jones and skip John Kirk 25-10; Rink 2: Eric Fortt, Phil Herbert, Paul Ross and skip Anthony Freeman 12-22; Rink 3: Paul James, Stuart Simpson, Phil Edwards and skip Ray Hewitson 39-4; Rink 4: Dennis Mottram, Brian Parker, Barry Griffiths and skip Alan Bannister 24-11. Aggregate win for Romilly 100-47.

On Wednesday, June 5, Barry Romilly played Cadoxton in the Munro Cup.

Scores: Rink 1: Paul James, Dave Noble, Jeff Daly and skip Mel Newman 26-12; Rink 2: Des Bannister, John Kirk, Alan Bannister and skip Alan Bryan 23-14; Rink 3: Don Evans, Phil Edwards, Ray Hewitson and skip Tony Freeman 24-9; Rink 4: Stuart Simpson, Eric Fortt, Roger Jones and skip Steve Close 22-11. Aggregate win for Romilly 95-46.

On Saturday, June 8, Barry Romilly firsts entertained Bargoed at home.

Scores: Rink 1: Dave Francis, Roger Jones, Steve Close and skip Brian Foscolo 19-22; Rink 2: Jerry Daly, Paul Swannick, Gary Eastment and skip Jeff Wright 16-19; Rink 3: Kelvin Mills, Terry Bloomfield, Mel Newman and skip Mike Doyle 26-18; Rink 4: Alan Bannister, Dave Noble, Alan Bryan and skip Graham Cogbill 36-11. Aggregate win 97-70.

JK

Wenvoe Castle members turn out in force to enjoy their Captain's Day

AT the height of the golfing season the club captain at Wenvoe Castle is given freedom of the course to arrange a special day for all club members to enjoy some competitive golf and special prizes.

Club captain Lesley Sherrard was rewarded with a huge turnout with members really enjoying a delightful mix of competitive golf but played in great social atmosphere.

Best score of the day went to Dan Williams with 40 stableford points just ahead of Paul McCarthy who was runner-up on countback with 38 points.

Nicola Manning won the ladies prize with 32 points and Keith Stimpson was nearest the pin on the ninth hole. Keiran Bowen displayed some huge hitting and accuracy to score a rare albatross by holing out in two strokes on a par-5, in this case the demanding 13th hole.

Lesley thanked all those who took part in a very enjoyable day on the course in its usual magnificent condition.

The members were all thanked for their generous support given to her nominated charity Parkinson's UK-Wales on the day and funds will continue to be raised throughout her special year as club captain.

Members were up bright and early for the men's June Medal held the following day and Lloyd Bolt put in a consistent performance to win with a net 70, just ahead of Declan Morgan who also posted a net 70 but lost out on countback. Kevin Knowles was a close third with a net 71.

This was followed by the regular seniors Stableford during midweek and Charlie Kinsey took first place with a steady 34 points, enough to hold off Jack Shore just one point behind on 33 points.

The men remained busy on the weekend with stableford competitions on both Saturday and Sunday.

On Saturday Darren Jeffries posted three birdies and 10 pars in an immaculate round to win with 40 points. The in-form Kevin Knowles just missed out again scoring a birdie and 10 pars in an excellent 39 points.

On Sunday Wayne Curtis took the spoils with an even higher score of 41 points which included no less than 12 pars, and was just enough

Lesley Sherrard, the club captain.

to hold off John Finlay who missed out by a single point, scoring 39 points.

The ladies section have been equally busy with Sheila Morrow and Dee Lloyd winning the Australian Spoons qualifier and will go through to the regional finals at Swansea Bay in early July and hopefully onwards to the all-Wales final in late September.

The ladies Coronation Foursomes qualifier took place recently with Karen Ball and Delyth Thomas coming out on top with 31 points. Karen and Delyth will travel to regional finals to be held at Weston Super Mare in mid-July and with the aim of qualifying for the grand final to be held in September and played on the prestigious Eden Course at the home of Golf, St Andrews in Scotland.

They hope to emulate Barbara Beedham and Maria Venn who did so well to make the grand final last year.

Last Saturday the ladies competed for the Millennium Plate which was a fourball better ball format and a high/low handicap partnership.

Sian Smith and Caroline Holland combined well to win with 37 points. Linda Marples and Jo Marriot were runners-up with 34 points and needed to countback for them to be ahead of Sue Dayananda and Chris Robinson, also with 34 points.

The club were absolutely delighted that member Sheila Morrow, a past lady captain and very successful golfer at Wenvoe Castle, was recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours, being awarded an OBE for her services to hockey.

Well done Sheila and congratulations from all at Wenvoe Castle on this outstanding and well-deserved achievement.

BJ

Llantwit bowlers suffer Munro Cup reverse

LEAGUE leaders Llantwit welcomed Penarth recently for their Munro Cup match and were defeated 86-63 – making Penarth the new table toppers.

Steve Booker's rink were Llantwit's only winners in a very close match. At the halfway stage, Llantwit led by five shots.

They increased their lead to nine shots by the 13th end before Penarth replied with eight shots over the next three ends.

Llantwit held on to win by one shot.

Neville Young's rink took until the ninth end before they got on the scoreboard and another five ends before they scored again, with the Penarth skip having an excellent game to deprive Llantwit of a score and give Penarth the majority of ends.

Charles Hiscock's rink led by six shots on the 10th end, then Penarth came into it, winning the next three ends to take the lead which they held for the remainder of the match to win by five shots.

Graham Merchant's rink were trailing until the seventh end when they drew level.

They trailed again before three good ends by Llantwit gave them the lead by one shot.

Penarth came back, winning three of the final four ends to win by three shots.

On Saturday, Llantwit were supposed to welcome Blaenrhondda for a league fixture.

All the food was prepared and Llantwit were all dressed waiting for the visitors to arrive, but no one turned up.

They were playing a game elsewhere and it was a case of lack of communication.

NY

Barry Central Bowls Club round-up

THE past week has seen much of the bowling affected by the weather.

The ladies section of Barry Central Bowls Club has been unable to play a single match, including the eagerly-awaited mixed pairs competition with the men of the club.

It is hoped that this competition will have been played by the time of going to press.

The men's section has been somewhat luckier, having been able to complete their Munro Cup match away to Sully Sports.

The match ended with the club winning on one rink and drawing on one rink.

Rink scores: T. Kaged 19-17; G. Goldthorpe 17-17; R. Pearce 9-21; J. Selley 8-31.

Sully Sports 84, Barry Central 53.

On reflection, the Barry Central team dropped 34 shots over the last six ends for each rink.

On Saturday, June 15, the club hosted the team from Ely Racecourse in the Cardiff Municipal League.

With rain an issue the match took place, with the odd scramble for waterproofs.

The visitors, especially on one rink, showed the ability to play a very good game, with the skip playing some fine point saving shots.

After what turned out to be a close match, Central won overall by five shots.

Rink Scores: G. Goldthorpe 14-24; T. Goddard 22-17; D. Goddard 19-20; T. Evans 25-14. Barry Central 80 (10 points), Ely Racecourse 75 (four points).

The team as a whole, in both competitions, must attempt to stop dropping shots – particularly towards the end of matches – which could result in defeats.

BC

Linda takes silver medal

JUNE 11 was scheduled for the ladies' captain's competition and presentation evening.

The dire forecast from Derek at the BBC Weather did not promise a rain free day.

However, ladies' captain Jo Kirkpatrick made a decision that with the course open and buggies available, the competition would take place.

Brynhill seemed to have its own little microclimate without any rain for the day, compared to the rest of the country. However, the winds were ferocious and made playing conditions very tricky.

The Brynhill ladies are made of stern stuff and went out to support Ladies' Captain's Day. The 18 holes over, they came into the clubhouse frozen and desperate for hot drinks.

The Silver Division winner with 32 points was Linda Hewlett (*pictured above*) with runner up Robbie Lee on 28.

The Bronze Division winner with a magnificent 40 points was Lili Mae O'Carroll and runner up was vice captain Lisa Taylor with 33 points. Nearest the pin on the 9th was Glynis Gould.

The ladies' captain presented the winners with Swarovski bracelets and the runners up with M&S vouchers.

The evening's entertainment followed, featuring Davey Sheppard on guitar singing a medley of songs from the '60s, '70s and '80s. The ladies' captain, vice captain and Glynis formed a girl band and entertained with a comedy song. Jo Kirkpatrick sang a Robbie Williams song with Davey Sheppard. Jo thanked Rachel and the catering, bar and course staff for their help and support during the day and Davey for his entertainment.

JMK

Phillips takes the President's Cup

BRYNHILL Golf Club held a singles Stapleford competition last Sunday, when the prestigious President's Cup was the prize on offer.

The best on the day was Peter Phillips with a handicap-busting 40 points, one better than Scott Nelson. Both players will face the wrath of the handicap secretary and can expect to be playing off a couple of strokes less next week. Next weekend starts with a bit of fun with the Festival Texas Scramble on the Saturday, before it gets serious again on the Sunday when two Medal competitionss are held over this wonderful course, the Bob Hope Trophy (nett) for the hackerati while the elites battle it out for the Tennessee Cup (gross).

On the team front Brynhill men's first team secured a solid home win over a good Creigau side and that was enough to send them to the top of their league.

Wins for O'Carroll/Sullivan and Bowman/Warne, with a battling half for Griffiths/Williams, securing a 2.5-0.5 victory.

Meanwhile Brynhill's wonderful Wayfarers travelled to Whitehall, where under the woeful leadership of Terrence Hewings they crashed to a 4-1 loss, with only a fighting performance from the Harding/Goodland partnership preventing an embarrassing whitewash.

On Monday the seniors' championship was won by Andrew Down, whose respectable 38 points was sufficient to edge out Tony Hewlett on a back nine countback.

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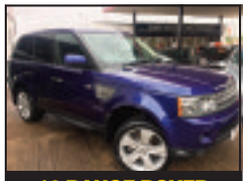

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Close but no cigar against Splott for Cadoxton bowlers

FOLLOWING another week without a fixture on Wednesday, Splott Phoenix were the Saturday visitors to Cadoxton Bowling Club for a CML 5 match.

Howard Craven's rink had a good start which gave them an 8-3 advantage. A '4' to each side kept the 5 shot difference. A single put them on 13 where they remained while four singles were conceded. Another '4' increased the gap, but then a run of singles against gave the visitors a one shot lead with one end left. They remained unbeaten but had to be satisfied with a draw after a single to finish.

Don Kuhnell's rink started the game with a three-quarter length jack and after losing a two on the first end built up a 9-2 advantage before the opposition were able to add any more to their score. They then increased the jack to full length.

Don struggled on the heavy going at this length and was thankful for the good form of the other three players on his rink to keep the opposition always in arrears.

Kelvin Chedgzoy's rink struggled to a deficit of 11-3 by the 12th end. Six shots in the next three ends gave some hope, however only two further singles were managed during the remaining ends, with four against

Mike Hurley looked to be set for a win on his rink with a 9-0 start, but by the eighth end the scores were level at 9-9. This moved on to a 11 shot deficit before a late recovery reduced this to just one shot with a single against on the last end stopping a complete revival.

A very close game but just three points scored from the 14 available.

Scores: E Heppenstall, E Davies, W Craven, H Craven 19, J Webber, M Greewood, H Camfiend, G Watts 19; A Prince, M Curtis, P Ellis, K Chedgzoy 11, S Carr, R Brown, D Harvey, R Barry 15; D Jenkins, G Goddard, J Davies, M Hurley 22, M Trebilcock, L Davies S Wilcox, D Wilcox 24; J Stacey, S Clarke, I Heppenstall, D Kuhnell 16, R Cole, D Cole, M Hadley, V Griffin 11. Final score: 68–69.

Vale CC firsts extend lead at top of league

VALE Cricket Club firsts continued their winnings ways after securing a comprehensive victory against relegation strugglers Ebbw Vale.

On a day that saw many other matches called off for the rain, Vale managed to get the whole game on – a symbolic representation of our volunteers' hard work and time.

After losing the toss, Vale were put into bat and openers Matthew Thomas (13) and 17-year-old Alex Upham (117) put on 50 runs for the first wicket before Thomas was out in the ninth over, LBW, to the interesting bowling style of Yasir Iqbal.

JJ Davies and Upham continued Vale's onslaught of the bowling attack. Both managed to rotate the strike well, turning good balls into scoring opportunities.

JJ (97) scored at a very good pace but Upham maintained his steady scoring rate and reached his half-century before the halfway point.

Upham then continued to his impressive display, surpassing his season's best of 74 which he ironically scored batting with JJ two weeks ago batting away at Sully.

Both batsmen timed the ball well and with the occasional over going for above 10 runs, the two could bat sensibly knowing that time was on their side given the fact that they had made such an excellent start.

Upham then received a rapturous applause from his teammates as he passed triple figures to secure his maiden century. Helmet off, bat raised, his team stood to applaud this young talented cricketer in the hope that there are many more to come.

After reaching three figures, Upham started to loosen his shoulders and clobbered another 17 runs before being stumped with just a few overs remaining.

Unfortunately JJ was unable to add the extra three runs needed to reach his century but his teammates and spectators enjoyed watching his excellent innings.

Vale finished their innings with a colossal 249-2. With maximum batting points secured Vale enjoyed their tea with many of the lads making their first contribution of the day by pouring tea and serving squash.

After tea, the target was clear - field well, bowl straight and force the opposition to give away their wickets.

Keane and Richards were the opening pair for Ebbw Vale. Both batsmen hit well-timed boundaries but amongst these good shots were edges and many plays and misses. Ebbw Vale had to start chasing runs from the first over given the fact that they had to score 250 to win.

Darren Upham (1-35) took the first wicket as he bowled Richards for 18 and fellow opening bowler Dean Oram (1-30) had Wallace caught in the slips by Joe Hodges.

The introduction of Matthew Williams, who took four wickets away at Newport last week, saw him continue his excellent form with the ball by taking another four this week.

The first of four was opening batsman (36) who was removed by keeper Harry Withers with a sharp stumping. Withers was also brought into play, taking Williams' fourth with a well-taken catch standing up to the stumps.

The second was caught by Alex Upham and the third was a very smart caught and bowled with Williams jumping to his left, arm outstretched. Williams then finished with figures of 4-12 from his allotted nine overs.

JJ Davies helped Matthew Williams to rattle through the Ebbw Vale batting order taking 3-26 in his overs. The first wicket was caught at mid-off by Snelson, the second was bowled and the third was caught by Darren Upham.

In this comprehensive victory it seems only fitting that Alex Upham should finish the game with his first ball being caught by captain Brendan McCay, who was relieved to see the spinning dolly dropper remain in his clutches.

This week Vale travel to Cardiff to face Lisvane who are fourth in the table. Vale's lead at the top of the South East Wales Division 3 is now up to 16 points and they'll be upping their training and focus in the hope to see that lead increase.

Vale CC would like to thank their corporate sponsors Bridgend Ford and Fine Wines Direct for their continued support and generosity.

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Jack Murphy forced to retire with knee injury

GLAMORGAN batsman Jack Murphy has announced his retirement from professional cricket with immediate effect due to a knee injury.

The 23-year-old has only been able to appear a handful of times for the club this season because of the injury, which he aggravated during a second eleven match against Somerset earlier this season.

Murphy sustained an injury last year that he has not fully recovered from and after two specialist opinions was advised to retire.

He is a product of the Glamorgan Academy and was the Academy Player of the Year in 2013, before he went on to make his First-Class debut for the club in 2017 after a series of impressive performances for the 2nd XI.

He enjoyed a breakthrough season in 2018 when he amassed over 500 runs in the Specsavers County Championship, which included a career-best 80 against Kent at Canterbury.

"It has been a dream come true to play and represent Glamorgan and that has made it an even harder decision to have to call time on my cricket career," said Murphy.

"I will always be proud of my time and achievements with the club, especially the game against Kent last season.

"I owe a huge thank you to the club, coaching staff and the entire back room team who have supported me throughout my journey with cricket. From my first representative game for Cricket Wales at the age of nine through to earning my cap and playing first-class cricket.

"Although it is going to be a difficult period transitioning out of the game I love, I am excited about what the future holds, the opportunities that await me and turning my dedication to a new profession.

"I would also like to thank the PCA for their support over the past few months in helping me prepare for this decision and my future plans.

"I have made lifelong friends in this sport and I wish Glamorgan all the success in the future and again I sincerely thank everyone who has helped and supported me."

Director of cricket, Mark Wallace, said: "I would like to wish Jack the very best from everyone at Glamorgan, and thank him for his services to the club both on and off the field.

"Jack is a very popular member of the dressing room and the club in general and it's very sad for Jack and his family that he has had to cut such a promising career short due to the injury.

"We wish Jack all the very best for the future and look forward to seeing him around the club."

Centurions 1sts are well beaten by Lisvane 2nds

SULLY Centurions' 2nd XI match at Cefn Fforest and Maesycwmmer was rained off.

However, the worst of the weather missed Sully, allowing the 1st XI to play host to Lisvane 2nd XI.

Unfortunately, they were beaten by the visitors in a match that saw Centurions experience a middle order batting collapse that effectively left the tail with an uphill struggle.

Chasing 194 to win, Centurions slumped to 134 all out.

Only skipper Rhett Jones (39) and number 9 batsman Kieron Ferriday (28) made any significant contribution.

Sully Centurions 134 all out. Lisvane 193-6.

This Saturday the 1st XI travel to Hopkinstown, while the 2nd XI entertain Crumlin 2nd XI at Burnham Avenue.

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Barrivale Bridge Club latest results

THE results for the Barrivale Bridge Club on Tuesday, June 11 are as follows:

1. Kay Dyer & Sean MacDougall 61.46 per cent; 2. Peter Millar & Mark Roderick 58.33 per cent; 3. Mike Close & Mick Green 57.81 per cent. The handicap winners were Kay and Sean.

As always, new members at the club are always welcomed and a partner may be arranged, if required.

If you would like to join us , telephone 01446 735592 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry at 7pm on Tuesday evening.

Also, players inexperienced or new to bridge continue to play on Friday mornings at 10am (doors open 9.45am) at the Pioneer Hall for lessons and assisted play, and Thursday afternoons for assisted play from 1.30pm-4pm at the Barry Uniting Church, Heol y Llongau, Barry, CF63 4AP.

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Ray and Joe are winners at stormy St Mary's GC

ST Mary's senior section played their annual Stableford Pairs competition (both scores counting) with a handsome trophy to be claimed by the winning pair.

With a forecast for heavy rain through the morning, just 20 players turned up on the day.

Happily, however, the forecasters got it wrong and, save for an occasional squally shower, the promised persistent rain held off.

Strong overnight winds had, however, blown down five trees, and the 10 pairings had to contend not only with the remaining very blustery conditions but also with fairways liberally littered with broken branches and other debris.

The overall scoring was understandably modest but two pairings broke away from the rest of the field. Section captain, Dave Hughes, with partner Roger Hatton, secured second place with a score of 69 points, just three less than the par of 72.

Claiming the trophy, however, with an excellent combined score of 76 points were Ray Stacey and partner Joe Davis.

Doug Mein and new member, Frank Bradshaw, both bagged a two on the par three 10th.

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Bridge results

RESULTS for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for June 17:

First, Tony Ratcliffe and John Salisbury 70 per cent; second, Mike Best and David Birt 59.58 per cent; 3rd Geoff Tinkler and John Henson 58.75 per cent.

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Old Hall Bridge Club results

THE results for Old Hall Bridge Club on Wednesday, June 12, were:

First; Glenda Roberts and Liam Sheridan 61.67 per cent, second Barbara Exton and Eleanor Jones 58.75 per cent.

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Bridgend Bridge Club latest results

THE latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows:

On Wednesday, June 12:

Equal first, Mike Best and David Birt, Glyn Williams and Irene Wickham, and Steve Burgoyne and Linda Pinnock. The winners on handicap were Glyn Williams and Irene Wickham.

On Thursday, June 13:

First, Vida Halford and Glyn Williams; second, Frances Heslin and Dee Finch; third, Dilys Bowser and V. Irene Thomas.

The winners on handicap were Frances Heslin and Dee Finch.

On Friday, June 14:

First, Linda Pinnock and Bill Turner; second, Vida Halford and Glyn Williams; third, Irene Thomas and Marjorie Morris.

The winners on handicap were Linda Pinnock and Bill Turner.

Regular club nights take place at 7pm on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, again at Nolton Church Hall, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding.

All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome.

For more information, please contact Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968.

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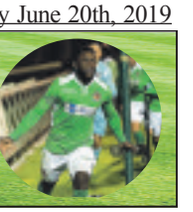

Late drama denies Porthcawl victory

IN one of the most thrilling finales seen at Locks Lane for many years, Porthcawl were denied a dramatic and unlikely victory against Tata Steel by a run out off the penultimate ball of the match.

The tie was probably a just result as both sides had chances to seal victory but neither were able to press home their advantage and get over the winning line.

Chasing 136 for victory, it looked mission impossible for the Seasiders as they slumped to 64-7 from 36 of their 50 overs, then 71-8.

It looked a formality for Tata, who were playing in the top flight last season before being relegated, as their Welsh international over-60s left arm spinner Peter Doyle weaved his magic. He produced superb figures of 4-20 from 10 overs to rip the heart out of the home batting.

The cockahoop visitors had victory in sight but were rocked by a fighting and chance-less partnership between Chris Richards and Tom Davies, making his season's bow and renowned for his bowling rather than his batting.

Richards, had previously retired hurt with a thigh issue, after trying to sweep Doyle, but returned to the crease and produced a memorable innings that deserved to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat.

He and Davies put on 59 for the ninth wicket before being adjudged lbw with six runs needed for victory. Richards stroked 44 from 64 balls, with a six and four fours, in a masterly display that had the home supporters on the edge of their seats.

At 130-9 the game was delicately balanced, with one over remaining, but Davies, joined by Mark Bevan, then took control and took five off the first four balls, but in the excitement of an unexpected victory, Davies was run out going for the winning run. He made 19 and made a solid case to bat higher than number 10.

Earlier, the innings was held together by consistent veteran and former skipper Mark Lewis who batted with great determination to record 30 in a 81 ball stay at the crease, finding the boundary three times.

Mark Dixon added 13 and former Ammanford batsman Rhodri Phillips 11, but the remainder of the batsmen found Doyle too canny.

Doyle was well supported by lively pace bowler Damien Williams who took 3-24 from 10 overs while Prijha took 2-35. Opening bowler Sarma Valeti was wicketless but produced a remarkable spell of 0-7 from 10 overs, six of which were maidens.

Earlier, the Steelmen were indebted to another Welsh international over-60s player for their total of 135-9. Paul Donovan opened the batting and was undefeated on 74 at the close of the innings, although Porthcawl will rue four spilled catches that would have turned the game.

Donovan's patient knock yielded six boundaries while the only other batsmen to reach double figures were Doyle and Prijha,who both added 14.

For the hosts, Tim Richards once again led from the front with an excellent return of 4-39 from 10 overs and skipper Nick Morgan chipped in with 2-32, also from 10 overs.

Tom Davies, in his first spell of the campaign, bowled accurately to register 1-22 from his 10 over allocation and Steffan Flood took 1-7 to add to his growing list of victims. Young leg spinner Spencer Morgan, while wicketless, also bowled admirably conceding just 24 from his 10 over stint.

Porthcawl 135 all out, Tata Steel 135-9

Porthcawl seconds should have romped to victory against Dyffryn seconds but a cocktail of dropped catches, sloppy fielding and too many batting failures resulted in a disappointing 30 run defeat.

Former skipper Paul Mason took over the reigns from Marc Thompson, whose work commitments meant he missed his first match of the season, and Mason had an early success with the ball, but a series of fielding mishaps gave the hosts a foothold on the match.

Opener Rhys Davies was dropped four times before succumbing for 43 and Paul Amphlett was also generously gifted lives before his luck ran out with his score on 48.

A series of other blunders allowed the home batsmen to further progress as Tom Carroll advanced to 30, Paul Bradley 22 and Lewis Day 18. At the conclusion of the innings, after 40 overs, Dyffryn had advanced to 200-6, a formidable target for the visitors to chase.

All the bowlers suffered at the hands of slippery fingers with Kevin Rees topping the wicket takers with 2-55, while the other four wickets were shared.

Nick Davies, in his first appearance of the summer, took 1-9 and, from their eight overs apiece, Ian Parsons' spinners earned him 1-21, Blair Driscoll took 1-25 and Mason 1-43.

A good start was required if Porthcawl were going to make a winning challenge but the loss of Gareth Cullen early on was a blow.

It was left to Steve Jenkins and Nick Davies to repair the damage and they did it in style and put the Seasiders firmly in the box seat. In a superb display of batting the pair took the total to 120 before they were parted, Davies falling for 43.

This should have been the springboard for victory but, sadly, from this point, other than Jenkins, the remainder of the batting failed and not one batsmen reached double figures.

Jenkins went on to post a brilliant 83 but his innings was in vain due to the lack of support. The innings ended on 170, with five overs unused.

Tom Carroll, who was the seventh bowler to be used, was the thorn in a Porthcawl's side as he registered a season's best 5-18 from eight overs.

Lewis Day chipped in with 2-21 from seven overs and there was a wicket apiece from Jack Stanton, Tom Lewis and Lloyd Jones.

Dyffryn seconds 200-6, Porthcawl 170 all out.

John Edwards

Porthcawl Bridge Club's celebrate national success

The victorious Porthcawl President's Cup team.

PORTHCAWL Bridge Club featured prominently at the recent Welsh Bridge Union AGM.

Alongside the AGM there are three, two-day inter region competitions – an open event, a ladies event, and an 'average club players – President's Cup'.

In the open event, the western region had Porthcawl's Tony Haworth as one of its players, with the team coming second.

But the highlight was the President's Cup, with the whole team being selected from the Porthcawl Club, who won the event convincingly. Congratulations to Janet Richards, Susan Anthony, Roger Draper, David Nicklin, David and Norma Newman on a fine performance.

Also at the AGM the new president to the WBU was elected, and again the Porthcawl Club were honoured to have one of its members – David Newman appointed.

The club held its annual handicap teams for the Martha Davies Cup, in which higher ranking pairs are teamed up with lower ranking pairs. Well done to the winners, Terry, Roger, David, and Alwyn.

Saturday, June 8. First – Emer Disley and Debbie Lea; Second – Dave and Norma Newman.

Thursday, June 13. The Martha Davies Handicap Teams. Winners – Terry Dolan, Roger Plant, David Rance, Alwyn Hill; Runners-Up – Tony Haworth, Keith Davison, Rodney Hook, Mair Davison.

The club meets twice a week at the Awel-y-Mor centre on Thursdays, 6.45pm-9.45pm and on Saturdays, 3.15pm-6.15pm and visitors are welcome at any time. To contact the club, call secretary Trish on 01656 785794.

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Young Porthcawl & Pyle ABC members take Welsh titles

Top from left: shane Lynch, Cole Rees, Wayne Charles. Bottom left: Cade Rees, Madison Pang, Tia Lynch.

The Rees brothers.

ON Sunday, May 19, Porthcawl & Pyle ABC continued their successful season as three members took Welsh championship titles.

Cade Rees was in the schoolboys A category and his first bout was in the semi-finals, winning comfortably to move onto the finals where last year's champion awaited. With a game plan to upset the champion, Cade went out and boxed perfectly, causing what looked to be the upset of the day.

Next was Tia Lynch in the 51kg schoolgirls B category, she was drawn to box last year's champion in the final where she went out and gave it her all, constantly pressing forward and pushing the pace in what was a very entertaining bout! The verdict came through but unfortunately the judges sided with her opponent with Tia losing via a split 3–2 decision…..an amazing effort after only 2 bouts!

Maddison Pang was entered in the 38kg schoolgirl category. Maddie put a lot of practice infor the championship but sadly nobody entered in her category and she was duly crowned Welsh champion 2019.

Finally, it was Cole Rees in the 54kg schoolboys B category. Cole boxed a tough opponent from Newport who came out from the start throwing big shots. Cole stayed composed and countered with clean sharp punches to win and become Welsh schoolboy champion 2019.

Following on from the Welsh Championship Maddison Pang was invited to the Welsh performances team assessment to trial for the GB 3 nation championship where she has been selected to box for Wales

Cole Rees has also been selected to box for Wales after being selected based on his performance during the championship. His brother Cade unfortunately missed out, due to his age being the younger champion in his weight class.

Cole and Cade are also matched a familiar trend, following in the footsteps of the highly respected Clatworthy brothers to become the first brothers to win ABA Titles in the same season.

Coaches Wayne Charles and Shane Lynch were proud of the performances and are now excited to see their team of boxers progress onto represent Wales at the GB 3 Nation tournament where they hope to crown the juniors competition off by bringing a medal or two back to Porthcawl & Pyle ABC.

For more information on the club, visit Porthcawlpumas@hotmail.co.uk

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